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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

May 25th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of 12th inst. postmarked 16th inst. in relation to the Mintage of Doré Silver of which the supply in your market is nearly double the parting facilities of the locality, was received yesterday.

A despatch from you on the same subject dated 22d inst. was received in the evening of that day, and on the next day 23d inst. a despatch was sent you authorizing the purchase of one million Doré bullion, the price for the silver contained being limited to 125 cents per ounce. The next morning 24th inst. I received official advice of the decline of silver in the London market to 56½ pence equal to 111¼ cents per ounce U. S. Standard. I immediately modified the despatch of previous day by telegraph making the limit 124 cents per ounce.

On the face of your despatch of 22d inst. it would appear that the offer to sell silver was based on its delivery at your Mint, and that the expense of parting & transportation was to be defrayed by the Government. If so, the price named by you, 3⅛ % discount on old valuation could not, of course, be accepted being above the market rate.

Before replying to the principal inquiry contained in your letter it appears to be proper to state, that this office does not feel called upon to prove to any one its desire to meet all the requirements of the public, nor does it expect a preference for the mints in the disposition of the future product of any mines; on the contrary, it is well convinced that the product of all mines will go wherever there is the best market for it. That there is as good a market for silver in the U. S. as in London or elsewhere, in other countries, is due mainly to measures originating

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with and urged into practical recognition by the official head of this Bureau.

The capacity of the mints for coinage is fully equal to the bullion production, but our facilities for refining and parting are less than half the capacity for coinage. No one regrets the latter fact more than the Director, and it is with satisfaction that he is able to state, that arrangements now, and for some two months past in progress, will, when completed, say, by July 10th. (next) give us the control of refining facilities sufficient to part the entire production of the Comstock Mines.

It was quite natural that the discovery of the immense ore body in the Consolidated Virginia & California Mines, should find us unprepared as to ample parting facilities, but I fail to perceive that any one is to blame for it, especially as it has been well known for a year or more past, that the two great producing mines of 1873, Ophir Point and Belcher, were rapidly becoming exhausted. This fact was certainly well known before the present extent of the Consolidated Virginia ore body was at all known or appreciated.

In the few special purchases of bullion made at the San Francisco and Carson Mints, except in a single instance, yourself and Mr. Crawford were left entirely free to purchase from whom you pleased, a limit as to price only, being prescribed. In respect to the exception mentioned, the purchase was directed on information which showed your market to be well nigh exhausted of coin, and on an offer favorable to the Government. I have too much confidence both in you & Mr. Crawford to suppose for a moment that any favoritism was shown, or that the law & my instructions were not complied with in spirit and letter.

No doubt the Refining Company has some advan-

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tages over others in obtaining fine silver and Trade Dollars, but that arises from the fact that it is controlled by private capital, and from no other cause.

By the terms of the contract with the Refinery, the latter is bound to refine and part all of the bullion received by your Mint. Your letter does not state that you have requested the parting of Dore silver or that the Refinery has declined to part such bullion.

If as you state the Refinery has one month's work on hand, it is quite clear that it will not be expedient for the Mint to receive Doré Silver in the manner proposed by you, until, at least, after the approaching annual Settlement, and for the reason that it would soon exhaust our Bullion Fund, and thereby prevent the prompt payment of gold deposits.

I have always regarded it as the true policy of this Country to have the Comstock bullion parted & Coined at home. I have left nothing undone to accomplish that result, and am straining every resource at our command to place ourselves in position to part all of the Doré Silver produced from and after the conclusion of the Annual Settlement.

I contemplate leaving for your Coast on the 10th proximo, with a view to the placing of everything in the best shape to accomplish the work devolving upon the Mints.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 25th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 18th inst. enclosing corrected Bond of indemnity for lost Mint Receipt and Gold Bullion Certificate No. 2058, and have this day referred the same to the First Auditor.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Superintendent

May 25th 1875.

Mint, San Francisco.

The rates of compensation proposed in your letter of eleventh instant were approved by letter on twenty second instant. In my letter the pay of adjusters was fixed at three dollars per day, upon further consideration it is decided to approve the rates proposed by you, namely, three dollars and sixty cents per day.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.

May 25th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

The following Telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

"The rates of compensation proposed in your letter of the eleventh inst. were approved by letter on twenty second instant. In my letter the pay of adjusters was fixed at three dollars per day, upon further consideration it is decided to approve the rates proposed by you, namely, three dollars and sixty cents per day."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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J. A. Norman, Esq.
Guildford, Surrey,
England.

May 25th 1875.

Sir:

The receipt of your favor of the 18th inst. was a great pleasure to me. I had read with much interest the valuable tables in reference to weight of coins, Exchanges &c. &c. received from you in the early part of the year.

It is I think to be regretted that the statistics &c. contained in those tables could not be placed more generally before the public.

There appears to be a wide spread ignorance or disregard of the fundamental principle which underlies International Exchanges, and hence the value of contributions like yours, in which the principle referred to (pure metal against pure metal) is so clearly stated.

I am continuing my investigations commenced in 1873, as to Mint Charges &c. of various nations, and shall embody what I have collected since June 30, 1874 in my Annual Report for 1875. (year ending June 30, prox.) I shall be glad to furnish you with a copy of this Report after it shall have been printed.

I am preparing to leave in a few days for the Pacific Coast, and am compelled to defer answering the inquiries you make until after my return, say in August, when I shall have the honor of again addressing you. In the meantime I take the liberty of sending you a few printed documents on various questions connected with money (precious metals) and which I trust will repay you for the trouble of reading them.

I am Sir, very Truly
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 25th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

I have yours of yesterday stating that you had reduced the purchasing rate of Silver to 125 cents per ounce fine.

The quotation received from the confidential agent of the Department in London on Saturday last was 56½ pence per ounce, English Standard, which would correspond to 111 4/10 cents U. S. Standard, or 123 7/10 cents fine.

If silver should remain as low as the above quotation in London, we will not pay more than 124 cents per ounce fine.

Please advise me promptly of any material alteration in the London prices.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 25th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

I have to request that you will purchase and forward by rail to the Mint at San Francisco immediately fifteen (15) Small Iron Pots for the gold finishing operation and transmit bill for the same to this office for settlement.

You will please ship at through freight rates and forward B/L in duplicate.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Philadelphia.

May 25th. 1875.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day, in the following words is hereby made official, viz:

"Silver has declined in London about one and a half cents per ounce within a week. Do not make any purchases above one hundred and twenty-four cents per ounce fine."

The above was sent you by way of caution and without examination of our files to see whether you had any order for the purchase of silver. The latest London quotation corresponds to one hundred and eleven and four tenths cents (111 4/10) per ounce U. S. Standard.

No alteration for the present will be made in the rate at which silver contained in gold deposits is settled for.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent

Mint, Philad.a

May 25th. 1875.

Silver has declined in London about one and a half cents per ounce within a week. Do not make any purchases above one hundred and twenty four cents per ounce fine.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mints.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia

May 25th 1875.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of yesterday stating that you had forwarded the 20 cent dies to the Mints at San Francisco and Carson, and referring to my conversation with you on Friday last in reference to a slight defect in the reverse die, which you informed me would be corrected by the Engraver, I have to request that you inform me whether the correction referred to was made upon the dies before being forwarded to the Western Mints.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

May 25th 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to transmit to this Office at an early day a detailed statement of the silver purchased on Government account from Messrs. Drexel, Morgan, & Co. New York.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent,

U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

May 25th 1875.

Report promptly your action under authorization to purchase silver. Considerable quantities of Bullion and foreign silver coin offering in New York.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent

Mint, Carson, Nevada.

May 25th 1875.

Instructions contained in letter of twenty second instant in reference to compensation of adjusters are hereby revoked, rate will remain as heretofore.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson, Nev.

May 25th 1875.

Sir:

The following Telegram sent you this day is hereby made official, viz:

"Instructions contained in letter of twenty second instant in reference to compensation of adjusters are hereby revoked, rate will remain as heretofore"

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Carson, Nev.

May 25th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing your account of Disbursements made on account of deficiencies for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874, is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

May 25th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, to that of the Mint U. S. Philadelphia of the sum of one hundred and thirty three thousand eight hundred and ninety-two 41/100 dollars, ($133.892.41) payable in 105,843.80 ozs. fine silver bars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

May 25th 1875.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith Gold Bullion Certificates #2058 and #2444, belonging to Bullion account of the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint for the Fourth Quarter, 1874.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jacob D. L. Schirmer, Esq.

May 26. 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers of the Department, for adjustment, your Bullion account for the First Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

May 26th 1875.

Sir:

I deem it advisable that when the coming annual settlement is made, that there should be an exact determination of the amount of Gold and Silver respectively, belonging to the Bullion Fund.

I call your attention to the subject, in order that the information desired, may be kept in view, from the commencement of the settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Carson. Nev.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

May 26th 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver for the First Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Powers & Weightman

Philadelphia. Pa.

May 26th 1875.

Gentlemen:

I am desirous of having imported for the use of the Mints of the United States, about fifty (50) large porcelain refining pots, same as those now in use in the Refinery of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Will you please examine the pots at the Philadelphia Mint, and inform me whether you will undertake to procure from the manufacturers in Germany, (C. E. & F. Arnoldi in Gotha) the number above stated, and about what time will be required for their delivery in this country.

These pots are required as early as it may be possible to obtain them.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

B. Mendeleff. Esq.

936. G. St.

Washington, D. C.

May 26th 1875.

Sir,

In compliance with your verbal request, I transmit herewith copy of the Report of Mr. Mason, Melter and Refiner of the New York Assay Office, in relation to your process for "converting Chloride of Silver to a metallic state by means of marsh gas &c."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent

Mint, San Francisco.

May 26th 1875.

In answer to my inquiry Garnett Telegraphs that Refinery has work on hand to keep it fully occupied to July first. We expect to be able to part all the Comstock bullion after Annual Settlement and in meantime are prepared to purchase at about London rates. I will start for California on tenth proximo to make arrangements for promptly meeting all demands upon the Mints.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 26th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of Mrs. Mary E. Carlyle whose appointment as adjuster in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint was this day approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 26th 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you on the 25th inst. is hereby made official:

"Report promptly your action under authorization to purchase silver. Considerable quantities of Bullion and foreign silver coin offering in New York."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 26th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing estimate for funds for the construction of Refinery, is received.

Your estimate has been approved, and properly referred, with the request that the amount estimated for be transmitted you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 26th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing Statement of unpaid Warrants at the close of business March 15th 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

May 26th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for $798.27 coin on account of gold coinage charges to March 31st 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 26th. 1875.

Sir:

I am advised by the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco that a shipment of fine silver on account of balance due your Mint on Transfer Draft, was made yesterday, and that hereafter a shipment will be made every second day, until the whole amount is delivered.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

May 26th. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S. Philad.a.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of 26th. of April last, requesting a Statement of the Coiner's receipts of Ingots, and deliveries of clippings, chips &c. during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, and nine months ending March 31st. 1875, I will thank you to forward the Statement requested, as early as possible.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram

Superintendent

May 26th. 1875.

Mint, Philad.a.

How many large porcelain refining pots have you. answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia.

May 26th 1875.

Sir:

I received this morning a dispatch from Prof. Rogers, who is now in San Francisco, stating that it will be necessary to have more porcelain pots at that point, and asking whether twelve (12) can be borrowed from your mint.

Your dispatch of this date states that you have sixteen (16) perfect pots, and six (6) slightly defective. Will it be practicable to spare temporarily the number indicated by Prof. Rogers?

I am in correspondence with Powers and Weightman of your city on the subject of the importation of fifty large refining pots, similar to those employed in your Refinery, but as yet am unable to state what length of time will be required to have the pots delivered in this country.

I have had in contemplation the utilizing of your Refinery to an extent of parting 200,000, or 300,000, ounces Comstock bullion per month, but cannot well determine the matter until after my arrival on the Pacific Coast.

The chief obstacle in the way is that the cost of parting by the nitric acid process will be at least 2½ cents per ounce at your mint, while at San Francisco it is 2 cents, and at New York 1½ cents per ounce, the sulphuric acid process being employed at the two last named places.

If we are not to purchase unparted bullion for parting at your mint, and the coinage of the silver into Subsidiary Silver Coins, I suppose that ten (10) or twelve (12) of the pots on hand could be loaned to the San Francisco Mint, until they

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could be replaced by those about to be ordered from Germany. Please let me hear from you immediately in order that Prof. Rogers may be promptly advised on the subject.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers, May 27th 1875.
Supt. Construction Refinery
U. S. Mint. San Francisco.

Sir:

The 15 iron pots which you requested to be ordered through Supt. Acton, will be forwarded from New York by rail in about fifteen days.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon, May 27th 1875.
First Auditor.

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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for examination and adjustment, the supplemental account of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev., with the Deficiency appropriations for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Saltzwanger, Esq.

May 27th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following Telegram sent you on the 26th inst. is hereby made official, viz:

"In answer to my inquiry Garnett telegraphs "that Refinery has work on hand to keep it fully "occupied to July first. We expect to be able to part "all the Comstock bullion after Annual Settlement, "and in meantime are prepared to purchase at about "London rates. I will start for California on Tenth "proximo to make arrangements for promptly "meeting all demands upon the Mints."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Superintendent

May 27th 1875.

Mint San Francisco.

What causes delay in reporting by Telegraph your action under recent authorization to purchase Doré Silver. Answer immediately.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

May 27th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending March 31st 1875, are received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

May 27th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your account with the Deficiency Appropriations for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lafayange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

May 28th 1875.

Sir:

On and after the 1st day of July next, you will render to this office a daily Statement of the coin deliveries, balances, amounts paid and due depositors &c. &c.

This Statement will be made out upon the form now used for your Weekly Report, and will take the place of that Report from the date above mentioned.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

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Q. H. Sadgrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The names of the following employés of your Mint have not appeared on your pay-rolls for some months past, nor do they appear on the list of reductions in pay submitted by you on the 11th. inst., and I have to request that you will inform this office whether they are still employed in the service of your institution, and if not, the dates of their removal or resignations:

General Dept.

S. J. Roland,	Watchman @	$120.00	per month.
H. S. Dent,	Warehouseman @	$6.00	" diem.
Wm. M. Dana,	Watchman @	$120.00	" month.
W. W. Moore,	"	"	" "
B. N. Bugbee,	Workman "	$5.75	" diem.

Melter and Refiner's Dept.

Thos. Rodgers -	Helper @	$5.75	per diem.

Coiner's Dept.

Mattie A. Shaw,	Adjuster.		
C. C. Crittenden	do.		
P. A. Lumping	Grapstender @	$5.75	per diem.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram

May 28th. 1875.

Prof. Rogers.
Care of Mint,
San Francisco.

Meets my hearty approval.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers,
Supt. Construction of Refinery
Mint, U. S. San Francisco.

May 28th 1875.

Sir:

Acknowledging your Telegram of the 26th inst. stating that you must have more porcelain pots for the Refinery of the Mint at San Francisco, I have to inform you that a request made to Supt. Pollock for a loan of 12 pots from the Refinery of the Philadelphia Mint, has elicited a reply from that Officer, and also from Prof. Booth, stating that the pots cannot be spared without impairing the capacity of that Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint.
San Francisco.

May 28th 1875.

X Accept two hundred thousand ounces fine silver at one hundred and twenty-four. Parties must decide at once as to sale of Doré.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

O. H. Lafferanger, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

May 28th 1875.

Sir:

The following Telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

"Accept two hundred thousand ounces fine silver at one hundred and twenty four. Parties must decide at once as to sale of Doré."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 28th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the reference to this Office of a communication addressed to you as Director of the U. S. Mint, under date of 25th inst. by Edward Shippen, Consul of the Argentine Republic and in which inquiry is made, whether certain nickel coin can be made at the Mint and the cost thereof.

You will please inform Mr. Shippen of the appropriate reference of his communication, and that a reply will be sent him in due time.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — May 28th 1875.

Supt. Mint. Philad.a

Sir:

If the Engraving of the Metis medal die shall have progressed sufficiently, I will thank you to send me an impression in wax of the obverse, some time next week.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Lehigh Valley Rail Road Office. — May 28 1875.

Philad.a

Would like to have you say to Joseph Wharton that I want him to come here by Monday on business. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Messrs. Pope, Cole, & Co.

Baltimore, Md.

May 28th 1875.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform this office upon what terms you will ship ten (10) tons of your best Ingot Copper to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco Calª, payment for the same to be made after the first of July next, the appropriation for contingent expenses of that mint for the current fiscal year being exhausted.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan and Orr,

#1219 Cullowhill St.
Philadelphia.

May 28th 1875.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my conversation a short time since while Mr. Arthur Orr, relative to a new coining Press, in process of manufacture at your place of business, I will thank you to inform me at your early convenience how soon it could be completed, and also what will be the cost of the machine, when completed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 28th 1875.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of Mrs. J. S. Nicholls Adjuster in the Refiners Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.

May 28th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of John H. Erwin, Helper in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers

May 29th 1875.

Supt. Construction Refinery
U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

In view of your recent dispatch requesting twelve Porcelain Pots to be sent from the Philada Mint, the Secretary of the Treasury has today at my request sent a cable to London for twenty-five porcelain or other pots suitable for Refining.

It is probable that they can be procured of Mess. Mathey and Johnson, who have a large nitric acid Refinery in that City.

You will be advised by letter of the result of this application as soon as a reply is received from London.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Joseph Wharton,

May 29th 1875.

Philad Pa.

Will be in my Office until six o'clock in the afternoon - after that hour at 510 I street. Come to Treasury if you can.

H. R. Linderman.
Director.

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Telegram. Consolidated Virginia
Mining Company
San Francisco.

May 29th 1875.

Please Telegraph me the lowest price per ounce for the silver contained at which you will sell and deliver at the Mint in your city one million and a half unparted silver bars. Gold contained to be settled for at its coining value and Government bear expense of parting. Bullion to be all delivered by June 20th. - Answer promptly as matter must be disposed of on Monday.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Consolidated Virginia
Mining Company
San Francisco.

May 29th 1875.

Gentlemen:

A Telegram in the following words was sent you this day, viz:

"Please Telegraph me the lowest price per ounce for the Silver contained at which you will sell and deliver at the Mint in your city, one million and a half unparted Silver bars. Gold contained to be settled for at its coining value, and Government bear expense of parting. Bullion to be all delivered by June 20". Answer promptly as matter must be disposed of on Monday."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint, May 29th 1875.

San Francisco.

I assume that the two hundred thousand ounces will be delivered at once. You must coin it into fractional pieces. In what time will parties offering five hundred thousand ounces undertake to deliver same. Answer promptly.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

O. H. Lafrange, Esq. May 29th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

A Telegram in the following words was sent you this day viz:

"I assume that the two hundred thousand ounces will be delivered at once. You must coin it into fractional pieces. In what time will parties offering five hundred thousand ounces, undertake to deliver same. Answer promptly."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. May 29th 1875.

Superintendent Assay Office. N.Y.

Sir:

Please telegraph me on Monday, about noon, the price of fine silver in your city. I desire the information to aid me in deciding on a San Francisco proposition.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Gen. C. H. Lagrange

Supert Mint, San Francisco.

May 29th 1875.

Sir:

On the 27th ult. you Telegraphed me that "parties (Con. Va. Mining Company) unwilling to sell at one twenty four in New York and ask until tomorrow morning. will answer definitely then." You then Telegraph that you are offered 200,000 ounces fine silver at 124 and on being authorized to accept same, you inform me of an additional offer of 500,000, at 124 to be delivered as fast as refined" and leave me totally uninformed as to the conclusion arrived at by the Consol. Va. Co. as to sale of unparted bars. You should have advised me at the close of business yesterday as to the views of that Company.

Of course we cannot prescribe the terms on which bullion holders will sell to us, but when they ask about a cent an ounce higher than the London rate I fail to perceive anything in the shape of the concession and preference for the Mints spoken of as probable in your letters and despatches.

Will you please explain why definite answer from Virginia Con. Co. was not obtained and forwarded on yesterday as promised in your despatch of 27th.

Very Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

May 29th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S. Philad^a.

Sir:

In respect to the capacity of your Mint for the different operations on bullion, I believe that the capacity for stamping or coining the blanks is considerably in excess of that for the various operations except milling, which precedes that operation.

Please confer with the Coiner upon the subject and inform me if the above view is correct, and if so, the extent of the excess.

I suppose it can be accurately ascertained how many pieces can be stamped in eight hours by each press.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 29th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S. Philad^a.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of 24th inst. in reference to design of medal to be presented to John Horn Jr. I have to request that a sketch showing the arrangement of the legends, inscriptions &c. be sent to me sometime during the coming week in order that it may be approved before my departure for the west.

Of course it is not expected that the Engraver will be able to complete a model of Mr. Horn's profile. The sketch will embrace the entire arrangement except the profile.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent,

Mint, San Francisco.

May 30th. 1875.

Report by Telegraph coinage for May and probable demand for Trade Dollars during next Three months.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Similar telegram to

Superintendent Mint

Carson, Nevada.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

San Francisco.

May 31st. 1875.

Sir:

The following Telegram sent you on the 30th. inst. is hereby made official, viz:

"Report by Telegraph coinage for May and probable demand for Trade Dollars during next Three months."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson City. Nev.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

May 31st. 1875.

Sir,

I have received the oath of Office of James Nevins, Workman in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Edward Shippen, Esq.

Consul, Argentine Republic
532 Walnut St. Philad^a

May 31st 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of 25th inst. addressed to "Hon. James Pollock Director of the U. S. Mint", and making inquiry whether certain Nickel coin could be made at the U. S. Mint for the Argentine Republic and if not requesting that Officer to name any person or firm whom he might think advisable for you to consult, has been referred to this Office.

In consequence of the Mints of the U. States being now fully engaged in the coinage of silver, the Mint at Philad^a cannot undertake to conduct any of the operations required for the manufacture of the coin referred to in your letter, except the stamping or coinage of the pieces.

Mr. Joseph Wharton of your City, is one of the largest Refiners of Nickel in the world, produces an approved article, and is familiar with the question of its coinage, having long supplied the Mint with that metal. I recommend you to confer with him as to the preparation of the blanks, and if you are able to arrive at a satisfactory arrangement with him for furnishing the blank we will, if it is desired, stamp them at the Mint in Philadelphia, but it will be necessary for you to apply to the Hon. Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State for such stamping.

No doubt Mr. Wharton would undertake to furnish the coins complete, but the Argentine Republic may desire the actual stamp to be put on at the Mint.

If you should have the coins made in Philadelphia by Mr. Wharton, or any other private

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party, we would provide such mint test as might be necessary to insure a strict conformity to agreement as to weight & proportions of nickel and copper.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Messrs. Powers & Weightman

May 31st. 1875.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will import fifty (50) Porcelain Refining Pots similar to those used in the Philadelphia Mint, in the manner stated in your letter of the 28th. inst.

While properly appreciating the liberality of your offer to furnish these Pots at the cost to you, it does not appear to be reasonable that you should not receive compensation for the use of your credit, and we shall therefore expect to pay you a reasonable commission.

If you will be kind enough to inform this Office when the Pots arrive in this country, a permit for their admission free of duty will be obtained.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Edward Barron

May 31st. 1875.

President Virginia Consolidated
San Francisco.

Price named being above market rate is respectfully declined.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Messrs. Balbach & Son, May 31st. 1875.

Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Reposing entire confidence in you I have this day directed the Assayer in Charge of the Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to ship you 11 packages of sweeps, estimated to contain 2725 lbs. valued at $388.75 which I have to request that when received, you will extract the gold and silver contained in the same, and transmit the value thereof less your charges to this Office.

I have instructed the Assayer to prepay the freight on the sweeps, and have to request that you will notify this Office when the same are received by you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers May 31st. 1875.

Supt. Construction Refinery

U. S. Mint. San Francisco. Calif.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information copy of a telegram sent to London by the Secretary of the Treasury, and the reply thereto.

The Pots enumerated in the reply have been ordered to be purchased and shipped by Steamer to New York without delay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co.

Baltimore, Md.

May 31st 1875.

Gentlemen:

You will please forward to the Mint at San Francisco, 20,000. pounds of best ingot copper, on the terms stated in your letter of the 29th inst. at through freight rates, forwarding bills, and bills of lading to this Office.

When I can spare the time, I shall be very glad to pay a visit to, and examine your Refining Works.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

R. T. Van Horn, Esq.

Chairman Committee
Board of Trade
Kansas City, Mo.

May 31st 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. relative to visiting your city on my way West, for the purpose of selecting a site for a New Mint.

I shall be glad to accept your invitation, and will either stop in Kansas City on my way to San Francisco, or on my return East, somewhere between June 10th and September 1st next.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

May 31st 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to ship the sweeps now on hand at the Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C. to Messrs. Balback & Son, Newark, New Jersey, prepaying the freight on the same from your contingent fund and transmitting Bill of Lading in duplicate to this office.

You will be careful to have the sweeps packed in such manner as to prevent loss in transportation.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.

May 31st 1875.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

You will please transmit to this office without delay a statement showing the amount of silver coins, and the value of assay chips in your Bullion Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 31st 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending March 31st 1875, are received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

May 31st 1875.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, to the Treasurer of the United States, - the Transportation charges on the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from "Silver Profit Fund" thereof.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Prof. R. E. Rogers,

Mint, San Francisco.

May 31st 1875.

The following Refining Pots being all that can be obtained in London at present will be forwarded from there to New York immediately, namely, twelve (12) Vertical Pots with covers, capacity eight (8) gallons, two conical six gallons, two conical four gallons five conical pointed four gallons. Although not precisely what we may require, I think it best to take them and use them to the best advantage until others can be procured.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Thos. E. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York

May 31st 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th inst. enclosing account current of your Bullion Fund, is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — May 31st 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the transfer of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in subsidiary silver coin from your bullion fund to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by you from the "Silver Profit Fund".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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rem. Superintendent — May 31st 1875.

Mint. Philadelphia.

State gallon capacity of large porcelain refining pot. answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — May 31st 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day is hereby made official:

"State gallon capacity of the large porcelain refining pots."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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John H. Wheeler, Esq.

Charlotte, N. C.

May 31st. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th. inst. enclosing a detailed inventory of machines, apparatus, fixtures, furniture, carpets, &c. on hand at the U. S. Assay Office Charlotte, N. C. is received.

I have this day instructed the assayer to ship the sweeps on hand to Messrs. Balbach & Son, Newark, New Jersey.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Salfranger, Esq.

Supt. Mint, Ft. U. S.
San Francisco, Cal.

June 1st. 1875.

Sir:

In order that the operations of your mint may not be embarrassed for want of copper at the commencement of the next fiscal year, I have purchased of Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co. Baltimore, ten (10) tons best Ingot copper, which will be shipped in time to reach you by the completion of your annual settlement. Payment for this copper will be made here after the 1st. proximo, from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1876, of which you will be duly advised.

The copper cannot of course be lawfully used during the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent June 1st. 1875.

Mint, San Francisco.

Silver contained in and parted from gold deposits will be paid for at the rate of one hundred and eleven cents per standard ounce, instead of one hundred and twelve and a half cents as heretofore. This order will take effect on its receipt.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Superintendent

Mint, Carson,

Nevada.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. June 1st. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Silver contained in and parted from gold deposits will be paid for at the rate of one hundred and eleven cents per standard ounce, instead of one hundred and twelve and a half cents as heretofore.

This order will take effect from its receipt."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Carson, Nev.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

June 1st. 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Office at the close of the fiscal year, a statement showing the amount of subsidiary silver coin issued in payment for silver contained in gold, and exchanged for gold coins at par, during the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

June 1st. 1875.

Sir:

At the request of this Office, the Secretary of the Treasury has directed that the Bullion Fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer to the same of one million five hundred thousand dollars in gold coin and which has been made this day by Telegraph

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent, June 1st. 1875.

Mint, San Francisco.

What prevents settlement of balance Salamander Felting Company's Bill. How much is the balance, and can it be paid here. Answer.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. June 1st. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

A Telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"What prevents settlement of balance Salamander Felting Company's Bill? How much is the balance, and can it be paid here?"

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow June 1st. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I respectfully request that the Bullion Fund of the San Francisco Mint be increased one million five hundred thousand dollars ($1.500.000.) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin from the Assistant Treasurer, and that the transfer be made immediately by telegraph.

The above addition to the Bullion Fund is rendered necessary on account of a large purchase of silver bullion, authorized this day to be made at that Mint for the Subsidiary Coinage.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent,

Mint, San Francisco.

June 1st. 1875.

Offer of Consolidated Virginia to sell one and a half millions dollars of unparted bars at one hundred and twenty one and a half cents per ounce fine for the silver contained is accepted. Pay approximate value in gold coin. Final settlement to be made on melt and assay at New York Assay Office or Philadelphia Mint. Bullion Fund will be increased correspondingly.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.

June 1st. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

A Telegram in the following words sent you this date, is hereby made official:

"Offer of Consolidated Virginia to sell one and a half millions dollars of unparted bars at one hundred and twenty one and a half cents per ounce fine for the silver contained, is accepted.

Pay approximate value in gold coin.

Final settlement to be made on melt and assay at New York Assay Office, or Philadelphia Mint.

Bullion Fund will be increased correspondingly."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent,

June 1st. 1875.

Mint, San Francisco.

Report deliveries of Doré bullion authorized to be purchased in my despatch of this date, but do not forward East until further instructed.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.

June 1st. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

A Telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Report deliveries of Doré bullion authorized to be purchased in my dispatch of this date, but do not forward East until further instructed."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 1st. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

On and after tomorrow June 2d. all silver contained in and parted from gold deposits, will be paid for at the rate of one hundred and eleven cents per standard ounce.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thos. B. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,

New York.

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James Pollock, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 1st. 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st. ult. enclosing five sets pattern Twenty cent silver pieces.

I will thank you to forward five more sets, when the amount of the whole, $6.00, will be remitted to you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

June 1st. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th. ult. enclosing Statement showing amount of Subsidiary Silver coin in Cashier's Vault, May 22d 1875, belonging to the Bullion Fund of your Mint, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson, Nev.

June 1st. 1875.

Sir:

I have referred to the First Auditor the Certificate of Administratorship in favor of S. Mayer on the estate of C. M. Sickler, enclosed in your communication of the 24th. ult.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. L. Acton, Esq.

June 1st 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

You need not make daily reports by Telegraph after receipt hereof of price of silver.

I required the information pending a negotiation in San Francisco for purchase of Doré Silver, and which was concluded to day, a large sale being made to us by the Consolidated Virginia Mining Company at 121/2 cents per ounce for silver contained, delivered at Mint, San Francisco.

The greater portion of this bullion will be sent to your Office for refining.

Allowing ten days for transit, I suppose we had better commence shipment, say, June 20th in lots of one hundred thousand ounces every two days until all is forwarded.

We shall probably transfer about $500.000. of this lot to Philadelphia in order to make the appropriations available for the work before us, or in other words, as we cannot distribute the appropriations, we must divide the bullion so as to arrive at the same result.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Thos. L. Acton,

June 1st, 1875.

Supt. Assay Office, N.Y.

Sir:

Silver having declined in London to about 56 pence equal to 123 cts. per ounce fine, you should not purchase at a rate exceeding say, 123/4 cents.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Telegram. Edward Barron,

June 1st 1875.

President, Consolidated Virginia
Mining Company, San Francisco.

Your offer of yesterday to sell and deliver at the Mint in your city unparted bars at the rate of one hundred and Twenty one and a half cents per ounce for the silver contained is accepted, and the Superintendent has been instructed accordingly.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Edward Barron, Esq.

June 1st 1875.

President Cons. Va Mining Company,

Sir:

A Telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Your offer of yesterday to sell and deliver at the Mint in your city unparted bars at the rate of one hundred and Twenty one and a half cents per ounce for the silver contained, is accepted, and the Superintendent has been instructed accordingly".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

Confidential. C. J. Cowles, Esq.

June 1st 1875.

Assayer, Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

After due consideration I have concluded to recommend to the Secretary of the Treasury that everything be left as it is at the Assay Office in your city until provision is made by law for the disposition of the premises, and further that you be permitted to occupy the building as a residence and without charge, for the present, upon condition that proper care of the property on hand be taken by you without compensation. Please advise me immediately of your conclusions.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

June 2d. 1875.

Sir:

The Central Executive Committee of the Mecklenburg Centennial appears to be unwilling, at least for the present, to allow its dies to be placed on the list of public medals, - being desirous of realizing from the sale of medals for the purpose of erecting a monument.

There appears to be no way for private parties to obtain the medals except by application to Thomas W. Dewey, Secretary of the Central Executive Committee, Charlotte, N.C.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

June 2d. 1875.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday enclosing sketch of the John Horn Jr. Medal. The legends, inscriptions and general arrangement are approved, and the preparation of the dies will be proceeded with.

As soon as the dies shall have been completed, you will notify this office.

The sketch is herewith returned.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
S. Philadelphia.

June 2d. 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday, enclosing proposals and amended plans for annealing furnaces.

It appears to me that as there is no room gained in front of the furnaces by the modified plan, that the increase in size of room is not of particular value, and would not justify the increased expense necessary to obtain it. You will therefore adopt the plan first submitted by you, awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, Mr. Oliver Bradin, at the sum named, $5,300.

I return herewith the original plan, together with the bids of Mr. Bradin and Mr. Havens.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 2d. 1875.

Sir:

I have received the oaths of office of the following persons employed, in your Mint, enclosed in your communication of the 1st. inst. viz:

Sam'l W. Hunter, Laborer, Gen'l. Dept.
Thos. R. Jefferson, Roller, Coiner's Dept.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

June 2d. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, enclosing Statement of Coiner's receipts and deliveries for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874, and nine months ending March 31st. 1875.

An examination of the Statement shows that the Coiner has delivered to the Supt. an amount of coin, clippings, chips and condemned lights, in excess of the amount of ingots received by him.

This is evidently a mistake, as the Coiner could not deliver more than he has received.

I will thank you to correct the report, and return it to this office as early as possible.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

June 2d. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st. inst. enclosing certificate of Deposits amounting to $807.50 on account of Profits on Medals, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent

June 2d. 1875.

Mint, Carson, Nevada.

Am without answer to despatch requesting statement of May coinage and probable demand for Trade Dollars during next three months.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

June 2d. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this date, is hereby made official:

"Am without answer to despatch requesting statement of May coinage, and probable demand for Trade Dollars during next month."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. O. H. La Grange

June 2d. 1875.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

Prof. Rogers having presented for my consideration the question of arranging for supplies of nitric acid, I have this day addressed him fully on the subject.

Please confer with him and make the best possible arrangement for procuring acid that you can. The advice of Prof. Rogers in this matter will be of great value to us.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers

Supt. Construction
New Refinery
San Francisco.

June 2d. 1875.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 24th. ult. containing the gratifying intelligence that due progress is being made in the equipment of the Refinery, and that you expect to have it in readiness for operations within forty days from the date of your letter.

The completion of the Refinery at a date so much earlier than was originally expected, renders it necessary for the question of obtaining the required supply of nitric acid to be considered, and acted upon with the least possible delay, and moreover it is very desirable that the subject should be disposed of while you are in San Francisco, in order that we may have the benefit of your skill and experience.

The first point to be determined is the quantity of acid likely to be required, and in this connection, it may be observed, that when the appropriations were made for the next fiscal year, it was not contemplated that the Government would carry on refining at San Francisco. Two items of $25,000. each were submitted in the Estimates of this Office, but the amounts were not appropriated.

The amount to be refined will depend entirely on the extent to which we may conclude it safe to draw upon the appropriations, and I do not see how this point is to be determined until after my arrival in San Francisco.

It will be necessary to determine the increased monthly expenses which the carrying on of refining operations will render necessary, before arranging a plan of operations

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for the period which will elapse until an additional appropriation can be obtained from Congress.

In other words, the plan which we will be compelled to follow, will be that of distributing the refining between San Francisco, Philadelphia and New York, in order to make our appropriations go as far as possible.

The parting capacity of the New York Assay Office, after July 1st. next, will be 700,000. ounces per month, Philadelphia, say, 250,000. ounces. San Francisco, Assaying and Refining Works say 600,000. ounces, Carson, say 250,000. ounces. Total 1,800,000. ounces.

I should think that probably 600.000. ounces per month, will be as much Doré Silver, as we will be called upon to treat in the New Refinery.

Not only the state of the appropriations will require us to somewhat limit our operations, but in commencing refining on so large a scale, and with a new process, prudence will dictate cautious proceeding until actual results shall show that our way is perfectly clear.

Having made these preliminary observations, I have to request that you will procure from the two separate establishments now manufacturing Nitric Acid in San Francisco, and from Mr. Reynolds, the terms upon which they will undertake to furnish such quantity of Nitric Acid as may be required, say, for one year.

From what you state in your letter, I am inclined to think that a satisfactory arrangement could be made with Mr. Reynolds, especially as he appears to be willing to take the copper in the nitrate of copper, cast away the liquid nitrate of copper, and take also the

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~~nitrate~~ nitric acid in the nitrate of copper, on fair terms.

I may here state, that this will be a new feature in arranging for supplies of nitric acid, That is to say, that the seller of the acid should take all the by-products, and thus render the amount of money actually to be paid out of the appropriation much less than if the by-products were sold to other parties and the proceeds paid into the Treasury of the U. S.

To this latter point, no publicity need be given. Of course, a fair rate must be realized for the by-products.

Keeping in view the foregoing suggestions, you will in conjunction with Supt. La Grange make with either of the three works referred to, the best attainable arrangement for supplies of acid for one year.

I do not think it necessary that you should by printed notices invite proposals, but that you obtain proposals by personal application. There would be danger, in my opinion, in case bids were advertised, of a combination of the three works to insure certain prices.

Any arrangement you and Supt. La Grange may regard as the best obtainable one for the interests of the Government, will be approved by this Office. Any agreement that is made, will of course have to be executed by Genl. La Grange in his capacity as Supt. of the Mint.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Dr. M. G. Benzano,

Mint, U. S. Philadelphia.

June 2d. 1875.

Sir:

Desiring a conference with you before leaving for the West, on the 10th. inst., I shall endeavor to come to Philadelphia for that purpose the last of the present week.

I send you notice in time, lest otherwise you might go into the country to spend the coming Sabbath.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

June 2d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

Your Requisition for Funds to meet the expenses of your Office during the month of June 1875, has been approved for the sum of $15,557.60 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — — —	1875	—	$3.000.—
Wages of Workmen, — —	"	—	9.000.—
Contingent Expenses — —	"	—	3.557.60

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Henry Troemner,

June 2d. 1875.

710 Market St. Philad.a

I will be in your City one day before leaving for the West, probably Saturday.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Geo. C. Thompson, Esq. June 2d. 1875.

Supt. Adams Express, Co.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st. inst. enclosing Bills for the Transportation of Trade Dollars and Gold Bullion during the month of May 1875. amounting in the aggregate to $697.39 is received.

Your letter of the 26th. inst. has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, also your communication under date of April 27th. 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Superintendent Mint June 3d. 1875.

San Francisco.

Please obtain best proposition for sale of another million Doré and half million fine silver deliverable in all this month. Parties must not expect to sell above London rate. Offer received from London for sale of one million of ounces.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

O. H. La Grange Esq. June 3d. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day:

"Please obtain best proposition for sale of another million Doré and half million fine silver deliverable in all this month. Parties must not expect to sell above London rate. Offer received from London for sale of one million ounces."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 3d. 1875.

Sir:

The transfer from the Bullion Fund of the San Francisco Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of unparted bars, to the value of five hundred thousand dollars, will commence on the 25th. inst. in parcels of about $100,000, and every other day thereafter until the total sum is forwarded.

On the receipt of the above bullion you will proceed to have it melted and assayed. The value of the gold and silver respectively, will be computed, and the result reported to this Office, whereupon a Transfer Draft covering the Transaction will be issued.

Your Bullion Fund will be charged with the gold contained in the bars at its coining value, and the silver at the rate of $1.21½ per ounce fine.

This bullion having been purchased on account of the United States, will be melted and parted without charge.

It is expected that it will arrive in part about the 5th. of July next, by which time, it is believed your Annual Settlement will have been completed and operations resumed.

Such portion of your Contingent Appropriation as remains unexpended, and not required to meet the probable gold wastage of the current year, had better be used in obtaining acid, zinc and other supplies, which will be required in the parting of this bullion, and such other amounts of unparted bullion as may be sent you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thomas J. Durant, Atty.,

#223, 4½ St.

Washington, D.C.

June 3d. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 2d. inst. enclosing a communication from Geo. Wigg, Esq, relative to an alleged deficiency of certain coins or medals, belonging to Mrs. Chilton when the same was returned to that lady from Philadelphia, - and making inquiry as to whether the proper number was found in the box on its arrival at Philadelphia.

In reply I have to say that the clerk who was detailed from this office to supervise the unpacking and arrangement of these coins, reports as follows:

A room was designated by Governor Pollock, Superintendent of the Mint to which the Box was removed, and every possible precaution taken to guard against the loss of any piece.

The pieces were arranged in trays, which were covered with common yellow wrapping paper, on which was pencilled the contents of each tray and the number of pieces it contained; nearly all of these trays were in a very bad condition, - having it was supposed, become unglued and otherwise injured in transitu, and one or two coins were found lying loosely in the Box. In each case the wrapping was carefully removed from the tray, and the coins or medals counted, - and in case the number tallied with the pencilled label it was so indicated, or, as was the case in several instances, it was marked short one or two pieces, as the case might be, (this will be seen by reference to the wrappings of the trays, as returned.)

After having been arranged as above indicated an examination was made by the experts of

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the Mint, and the trays with their contents carefully repacked.

No use was made of the Catalogue, whatever, as the so-called "Ancient Roman" &c. and indeed nearly all of them, were either so much corroded by time, or, which it was thought more probable, — such ingenious counterfeits both of coins and such corrosion, that they were illegible, and therefore could not be identified.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent June 3d. 1875.

U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Silver fifty-five and a half pence in London — reduce your purchasing prices correspondingly.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. June 3d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day:

"Silver fifty-five and a half pence in London, reduce your purchasing price correspondingly."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — June 3d. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of May 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. R. E. Rogers, — June 4th. 1875.

Superintendent Refinery
Construction Mint, San Francisco.

Can get no porcelain pots from Philadelphia Mint.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers — June 4th. 1875.

Supt. Construction
New Refinery.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Can get no porcelain pots from Philadelphia Mint."

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thos. E. Acton, Esq. — June 4th. 1875.

Supt. U.S. Mint, New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of May, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis

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Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

June, 4th. 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Office during the current month has been approved for the sum of $300.00 from the following Appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875		$271.90
Wages of workmen	"		28.10

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.

June 4th. 1875.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th. ult. returning corrected Bullion Warrants and Receipts Nos. 152 & 162.

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Bullion Accounts for the First Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 4th. 1875.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of Annie E. Noble, as Adjuster in your Mint, dated June 26th. 1874, enclosed in your communication of the 3d. inst.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahony
1st. Auditor.

June 4th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho, for the quarter ended March 31st. 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

June 4th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th. ult. enclosing memorandum of fine silver shipped the Superintendent of Mint, U. S. Philadelphia, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow.

Secretary of the Treasury.

June 4th. 1875.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office New York to that of the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia of the sum of one hundred and sixty seven thousand two hundred and eighty six 32/100 dollars ($167.286.32) payable in 132,242. 15/100 ozs. fine Silver bars.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

E. W. Barber, Esq.

Third Asst. Postmaster General,

Washington. D. C.

June 5th. 1875.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th. inst. asking to be informed whether the Mint had in its possession a profile bust of General Zachary Taylor, and if so, whether your office could be furnished with a wax impression of the same.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia is the custodian of all medal dies &c., and I have directed his attention to the subject, with the request that he inform this office as early as possible.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis.

Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 5th, 1875.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of June 1875, has been approved for the sum of $74.568.16, from the following appropriations viz:

Wages of Workmen	1875	$32.333.34
Contingent Expenses	"	32.234.82
Artesian Well	"	10.000.00

It was found necessary to change the amount of your requisition as transmitted under the head of Contingent Expenses from $32,322.32 to $32.234.82, this latter amount being the balance remaining to the credit of that appropriation. The difference, $87.50 was the amount of the bill of Prof. R. E. Rogers for expenses incurred paid May 15th, 1875, and of which you were probably not informed.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 5th, 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst. enclosing detailed statement of silver purchased of Messrs. Drexel, Morgan & Co., is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 5th. 1875.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Third Asst. Post Master General, relative to a profile of General Taylor, which it is proposed to place upon a new stamped envelope about to be issued by the Post Office Department.

Will you be kind enough to send the information asked for, to this office at your your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

June 5th. 1875.

Sir:

In all cases where persons in the regular employ of your Mint are employed on the construction and equipment of the Refinery in course of erection, you will please inform this office in submitting their names for approval, in order that their names may be dropped from the list of your regular employes.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. June 5th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the oath of office of Mrs. Anna S. Randall, whose appointment as Adjuster in the Coiner's Dept. of your mint was this day approved.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Telegram. Prof. R. E. Rogers, June 5th 1875.

Mint. San Francisco.

Director absent. Will be home tomorrow.

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Telegram. R. E. Rogers, June 6th 1875.

Mint, San Francisco.

Superintendent Crawford has been instructed to exchange pots for lead lined filters as requested in your telegram of fourth instant.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint, June 6th 1875.

San Francisco.

Cannot receive any part of purchase at Carson. would complicate accounts.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent

June 6th. 1875.

Mint, Carson, Nevada.

You are authorized to purchase one hundred thousand ounces unparted Comstock bars at one hundred and nineteen and a half cents per ounce fine for the silver contained, and Gold at coining value.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent

June 6th. 1875.

Mint, Carson, Nevada.

Send to San Francisco Mint eight porcelain pots in exchange for lead lined wide filters. Pots absolutely required at San Francisco. Exchange to be made during annual settlement, and lead lined filters will be sent you in time to arrive before the conclusion of settlement. The will answer for filtering better than the pots. Confer with La Grange.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

June 7th. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S. Carson.

Sir:

A Telegram in the following words, sent you yesterday, is hereby made Official:

"Send to San Francisco Mint eight porcelain pots in exchange for lead lined wide filters. Pots absolutely required at San Francisco. Exchange to be made during annual settlement, and lead lined filters will be sent you in time to arrive at the conclusion of settlement. They will answer for filtering better than the pots. Confer with La Grange."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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O. H. Salgrange, Esq.

June 7th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you yesterday, is hereby made official:

"Cannot receive any part of purchase at Carson. would complicate accounts."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

June 7th. 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S. Carson.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you yesterday, is hereby made official:

"You are authorized to purchase one hundred thousand ounces unparted Comstock bars, at one hundred and nineteen and a half cents per ounce fine for the silver contained, and gold at coining value."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Dr. R. E. Rogers

June 7th. 1875.

Supt. Construction of Refinery
Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you yesterday, is hereby made official: "Supt. Crawford has been instructed to exchange pots for lead lined filters, as requested in your telegram of fourth inst."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. T. T. Frelinghuysen
Newark, N.J.

June 7th. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th. inst. recommending and enclosing a petition for the appointment of James T. Marsh, as an Assayer or Melter in the Philadelphia Mint or New York Assay Office, and have referred the same to the Supt. of the Assay Office, New York, for his consideration.

There are no vacancies existing in either Institution at the present time.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

John H. Wheeler, Esq.
Charlotte, N.C.

June 7th. 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the detailed inventory of Government Property at the U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte N. C. enclosed in your letter of the 27th. ult. I have to request that you will obtain the signature of the Assayer to the certificate attached thereto, and return the same to this Office.

It has been decided to make no disposition of the property at present, but to allow the same to remain in charge of Mr. C. J. Cowles, you will therefore return and submit your report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Dr. M. G. Benzano

June 7th. 1875.

Care U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to our conference on Thursday evening last at the Continental Hotel, you are hereby authorized to intermit your examination of the Philadelphia Mint for such period as will be required for you to visit New Orleans to attend to your official duties at that point. This absence it is understood will be from about the 15th. of June to 15th. of July.

I desire that after your return from New Orleans, you will continue your examination into all the operations of the Melter & Refiner and Coiner's Depts. at Philad.a Mint, with a view to determine what measures are required to bring those two Departments to the highest state of efficiency, and ensure the most economical manner of conducting the operations of said Departments.

It is my intention to dispense with all employés whose services cannot be usefully employed in conducting the business and operations of the Mint, and I will thank you to make such general and specific examination in the direction last indicated as will enable me to decide as to what extent changes in the forces employed may be necessary. This will embrace all Departments including the Superintendent's Roll of Clerks and employés.

A Statistical table bearing on the examination will be forwarded to you in two or three days.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 7th. 1875.

Sir:

Section 14, Page 25, Instructions and Regulations for the transaction of business at the Mints and Assay Offices, is as follows:

"Such holidays will be allowed as are usual at the place where the Mints and Assay Offices are situated, and the afternoons of Saturday from two o'clock."

From the number of employés who had left the building, and were leaving it when I called on Saturday at about fifteen minutes after 12 o'clock M, I infer that the Saturday afternoon holidays have been, and are, allowed from 12 M, instead of 2 P. M., as provided in the Regulations.

Please explain this matter by return mail.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Salgrange, Esq.

June 7th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

I have your dispatch of the 3d. inst. advising me of your serious illness, and that the Mint will be closed on the 10th. inst. for settlement.

I sincerely hope you will soon be restored to your usual health.

Under the belief that the early day named for commencing the settlement is caused by the want of funds to carry on operations, it appears to call for no further remark.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary Tr. Treasury.

June 7th 1875.

Sir:

No appropriation having been made for the support of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, North Carolina, for the next fiscal year, operations will necessarily have to be discontinued at that Institution on the 30th inst.

Until provision shall be made by law for the disposition of the building and various articles therein, it will be necessary to have a suitable person to reside in the building, and take care of the property.

Mr. Calvin J. Cowles, the Assayer in Charge, and who occupies a part of the edifice as a residence, expresses his willingness to continue to reside, and take care of the property during the pleasure of the Secretary of the Treasury, and without compensation provided he is not required to pay any rent.

If you should conclude to designate Mr. Cowles, or any other person, to take charge of the building on and after the 30th inst., I will direct the Assayer in Charge to turn over the property to him and take proper receipt.

Mr. Cowles is a gentleman of good character and I have no doubt will faithfully execute any duties entrusted to him.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Dr. M. L. Bonzano

Mint, U. S. Philadelphia.

June 7th. 1875.

Sir:

I have transmitted to-day to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, three exhibits, from which it would appear that there is a considerable excess in clippings returned by the Coiner at Philad.a as compared with the amount returned by the Coiner's at San Francisco and Carson, and have requested the Superintendent to furnish you copies thereof.

I will thank you to examine the subject carefully, and report to this office the result of your conclusions. Of course the less the percentage of coins returned, the less economical and expeditious the operations are conducted.

It will be well for you to obtain the copies before leaving for New Orleans.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Prof. Wm. E. DuBois

Assayer, Mint U. S.

Philadelphia.

June 7th. 1875.

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to give me the standard of the Gold Dollar of Cuba, and its weight fineness and value as determined by the latest assays.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

June 7th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U.S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose Statements in which the per-centages of Metal returned by the respective Coiners of the several mints in the form of coins and clippings respectively, are given, and from which it would appear that the amount returned in clippings at the Philadelphia Mint, with one exception, is sufficiently in excess of the returns in the same form at the San Francisco and Carson mints, to call for an explanation.

I will thank you to carefully examine the subject and inform this office, why there should be a greater per centage of bullion returned by the Coiner at Philadelphia in the form of clippings, than at San Francisco or Carson.

You will please furnish the Coiner with a copy of the three exhibits sent herewith, in order that he may examine the figures, and make such explanation as appears to be required.

You will also furnish Dr. Bonzano with a copy of the Statements as soon as you can conveniently have them prepared.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Prof. R. E. Rogers

June 7th. 1875.

Supt. Construction Mint

San Francisco.

Contract for two years with Reynolds may be made. General instructions on the subject were mailed second instant.

H. R. Linderman.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers.

June 7th. 1875.

Supt. Construction Refinery
U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day, viz:

"Contract for two years with Reynolds may be made. General instructions on the subject were mailed second instant."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. A. Meyendorff, Esq.

June 7th. 1875.

Supt. of Construction, U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have yours of the 25th. inst. relative to furnishing Statistics of the Mineral resources of Montana.

In making the request which I did to Governor Potts, I supposed it would be in his power to furnish the information desired, without inconvenience or cost.

While appreciating your desire to obtain the required information, I desire it to be expressly understood, that there are no funds at my disposal, that can be applied to the payment of the expenses referred to by you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Superintendent of the
Mint at Philadelphia.

June 7th 1875.

Sir:

I have to call your attention to an error in the amount of Silver operated upon in the Coiners Department of the Mint at Philadelphia, as per Statement furnished, for May 1875.

The total amount is given as 1.003.401.00 ounces, and should be 1.003.301.00 ounces.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia. Pa.

June 7th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing Certificate of Deposit for twenty one cents (21) on account of gain on recoinage of gold coin from the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Baltimore, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. W. Raymond,
U. S. Commr Mining Statistics
New York.

June 7th 1875.

Sir:

Your requisition for $7.500. has been approved and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co.

Baltimore, Md.

June 7th 1875.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing your Bill and Bill of Lading in duplicate for 20,000 lbs. Baltimore Ingot Copper shipped the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, is received.

On the 1st prox. your account will be approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement, and in the course of a few days thereafter a draft for the amount will be remitted you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

A. M. Davis & Co.

Lynchburg, Va.

June 7th 1875.

Gentlemen:

Yours of the 29th ult. referred to this Office by the Secretary of the Treasury, asking for information as to the rules and terms of the issue of the new twenty cent piece, has been received.

The coin referred to, will be issued at the Mints the same as other subsidiary or fractional silver coins, in exchange for gold coins at par.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S. San Francisco.

June 7th 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information Bill Lading for twenty casks Ingot Copper, shipped your Mint by Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co. Baltimore.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint, June 7th 1875.

San Francisco.

You are authorized to purchase fine bars to an amount necessary to keep your mint fully employed during July and not exceeding half million of dollars at the rate of one hundred and twenty one cents per ounce fine. Act and report result promptly in order that bullion fund may be increased before I start west.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 7th 1875.

Carson, Nevada.

You are authorized to purchase five hundred thousand ounces unparted Comstock bars at one hundred and nineteen cents per ounce for the silver contained and gold at coining value.

Telegr. Pay approximate value on delivery by checks on San Francisco. When purchase is reported your bullion fund will be correspondingly increased by a credit with Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco. Act and report result by Telegraph promptly.

H. R. Linderman

Director of Mint.

Telegram. Consolidated Virginia Mining Company June 7th 1875.

San Francisco.

Superintendent Carson Mint has order to purchase unparted bars at one hundred and nineteen cents per ounce for silver contained. Gold at coining value, payment by check on San Francisco. Please confer with him.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

June 8th. 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you on the 7th inst. viz:

"You are authorized to purchase fine bars to an amount necessary to keep your Mint fully employed during July, and not exceeding half million of dollars at the rate of one hundred and twenty one cents per ounce fine. Act and report result promptly in order that bullion fund may be increased before I start West."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

June 8th. 1875.

Sir:

A Telegram in the following words was sent you on the 7th inst. viz: "You are authorized to purchase five hundred thousand ounces unparted Comstock bars at one hundred and nineteen cents per ounce for the silver contained and gold at Coining Value. Pay approximate value on delivery by checks on San Francisco. When purchase is reported your bullion fund will be correspondingly increased by a credit with Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco. Act and report result by Telegraph promptly."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint.
Philad^a Pa.

June 8th 1875.

Sir:

I enclose copy of letter received this morning (forwarded by you yesterday) from A. Baron Holmes of Charleston S. C. making inquiry as to the cost of furnishing certain medals for the Centennial Committee of the "Palmetto Guard" in commemoration of the Battle of Fort Sullivan, June 28th 1776.

As the time is too short to admit of correspondence by mail I telegraphed Mr. Holmes this morning stating the cost at about $250. for the medals including the dies, my estimate being as follows:

Engraving dies	$75.
200 Silver medals @ 60 cts	120.
300 Bronze " " 15 "	45.
Incidentals	10.
	$250.

The designs will have to be simple and of a character to be quickly engraved. I suggest for the obverse a staff bearing a Liberty Cap rising out of a Wreath surrounded by volumes of smoke or clouds representing the same. For the reverse the same arrangement as the Mecklenburg reverse, changing of course the inscriptions and dates. Please have the Engraver sketch the designs as indicated & send to me, if possible, by return mail. If a better design can be prepared, have it done and send to me by same mail. As soon as I receive reply to my despatch, and the sketch from you, I can arrange the matter and have the work started.

I think it good policy to encourage these local Centennials everywhere, & particularly in the South. They tend to revive patriotism

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and will aid powerfully in making the glorious anniversary of next year a great success.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

I suppose Mr. Barber's son will be willing to engrave the Dies for $75.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

June 8th 1875.

Make contract with Reynolds for two years on terms and conditions stated in despatch of Rogers and yourself dated yesterday.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

June 8th 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day: "Make contract with Reynolds for two years on terms and conditions stated in despatch of Rogers and yourself dated yesterday."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. A. Baron Holmes,
Charleston, S. C.

June 8th 1875.

Letter of second addressed to me at Philadelphia forwarded and received here today. Medals all complete including engraving of dies. Will cost about two hundred and fifty dollars. Will have to act promptly as time is short.

H. R. Linderman, Director of Mint.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint. June 8th. 1875.

Carson.

Seller pays no charges. If order of yesterday is executed bars will be sent to Philadelphia Mint and final settlement made on melt and assay there. Chip assay the bars if you think proper.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Jas. Crawford, Esq. June 8th. 1875.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

A Telegram in the following words was sent you this day, viz:

"Seller pays no charges. If order of yesterday is executed bars will be sent to Philadelphia Mint, and final settlement made on melt and assay there. Chip assay the bars if you think proper."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq. June 8th. 1875.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st. ult. enclosing statement showing amount of subsidiary silver coins contained in Cashiers vault, May 29th. 1875 belonging to your Bullion Fund, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 8th. 1875.

Sir:

It will be necessary for you to retain a sufficient amount of your Contingent Fund for the current fiscal year to pay the traveling and hotel expenses incurred by Dr. M. F. Bonzano, from the date of his leaving to that of his return to New Orleans, and which you are hereby authorized and directed to pay upon proper vouchers being presented by Dr. Bonzano.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 8th. 1875.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of Supt. Acton's Report of the special test assay of the May coinage of your Mint.

Will you be kind enough to inform me whether it has been the custom of the New York Assay Office to send copies of the result of the special assays to your Mint for the information of yourself and the operative officers?

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

June 8th 1875.

Carson, Nevada.

Despatch reporting purchase of unparted Comstock bars at one hundred and nineteen cents per ounce fine for the silver contained and gold at coining value, received. Will have amount of purchase placed to your credit with Treasury at San Francisco by telegraph tomorrow. Determine approximate value of chip assays, and retain sufficient margin to protect Government against variations in assays on melt at Philadelphia. You may commence transfer of bullion to Philadelphia Mint in lots of one hundred thousand ounces each, whenever you cannot conveniently store it. Express charges will be paid in silver coin at Philadelphia. Send detailed invoice of each lot forwarded. Exercise utmost care and vigilance in the transaction of this business. Final settlement will be made on melt and assay at Philadelphia Mint, and retained margin, if any, paid to seller.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Dr. M. V. Bonzano.

June 8th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint, N. O.
now at Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to pay your traveling and hotel expenses, from the date of your leaving New Orleans to the date of your return upon presentation to him of vouchers in proper form.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

June 8th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst. calling attention to yours of the 3d inst. requesting the transfer of $167.286.32 payable in 132,242.15 oz. fine silver bars from your bullion fund to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, you are informed that the Secretary of the Treasury was requested by this Office on the 4th inst. to cause a draft to be issued for the transfer of the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint,

June 9th 1875.

San Francisco.

Am I to understand that Con. Virginia will deliver fine bars or do they expect to have the Mint part the bullion. If the latter I cannot approve purchase.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

June 9th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to obtain for me from parties engaged in the Cuban trade in your city, any information as to what is meant by the Gold Dollar of Cuba, or dollar, and if such a coin is known to commerce its weight, fineness and value.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
Carson. Nevada.

June 8th 1875.

If transfer of bullion to Philadelphia Mint be commenced by twenty second instant will be in time. We suppose it will not all be delivered to you before the thirtieth proximo.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

June 9th 1875.

Sir:

A Telegram in the following words, sent you yesterday, is hereby made official:

"If transfer of bullion to Philadelphia Mint be commenced by twenty second instant, will be in time. We suppose it will not all be delivered to you before the thirtieth proximo."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

John Wiley & Son
15 Astor Place
New York.

June 9th 1875.

Gentlemen:

Your Bill for books furnished for the use of this Office amounting to $14.50 has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft will be sent you for the amount.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson. Nev.

June 9th 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you yesterday, is hereby made official:

"Dispatch reporting purchase of unparted Comstock bars at one hundred and nineteen cents per ounce fine for the silver contained, and gold at coining value, received. Will have amount of purchase placed to your credit with Treasury at San Francisco by telegraph tomorrow.

Determine approximate value by chip assays, and retain sufficient margin to protect the Government against variations in assays on melt at Philadelphia. You may commence transfer of bullion to Philadelphia Mint in lots of one hundred thousand ounces each, whenever you cannot conveniently store it. Express charges will be paid in Silver coin at Philadelphia Mint. Send detailed invoice of each lot forwarded. Exercise utmost care and vigilance in the transaction of this business. Final settlement will be made on melt and assay at Philadelphia Mint, and retained margin, if any, returned to seller."

Very respectfully
L. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia.

June 9th 1875.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and instructed to melt the old copper cents in the redemption fund, and sell the copper resulting therefrom on the most favorable terms you can procure, furnishing this office with a statement showing the difference between the nominal value of the coins before, and the amount realized after being melted, in order that the necessary steps may be taken to re-imburse the redemption fund without delay.

This should be done during the current fiscal year,- otherwise, we cannot use the appropriation to make good the loss.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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nam. Superintendent Mint.
Philadelphia.

June 9th 1875.

Please reply today to my letter of seventh instant, in relation to afternoon holidays.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 9th 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Please reply today to my letter of 7th inst. in relation to afternoon holidays."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

June 9th 1875.

Sir:

I have to request that the Bullion Fund of the Mint at Carson, Nevada, be increased one million five hundred thousand dollars ($1.500.000.) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin to be placed to the credit of the Superintendent with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco, and that the same be made by telegraph. This addition to the Bullion Fund is required to pay for that amount of Doré silver, purchased on the 8th inst., by direction of this office, under your approval dated June 7th 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. E. W. Barber,

Third Ass't. P. M. General

Washington, D. C.

June 9th 1875.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 4th inst. in relation to placing the head of Genl. Zachary Taylor on the new stamped envelopes, I send herewith three bronze medals containing a likeness of the General, from which you can make your selection.

They are all considered good profiles, the largest being the best.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 9th 1875.

Sir:

From an examination of your Bullion Accounts for the First Quarter 1875, I find that the "Coiners Three Cent a/c" is credited, and "Minor Coinage Profit and Loss a/c" debited, with the sum of $274.94 for loss by Coinage of ounces 9.197.80, making $4.140.00 below $4.414.94 the legal standard."

You are requested to explain how this loss occurred in the coinage of the Three Cent Nickel pieces.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 9th 1875.

Sir:

Yours of yesterday stating that you had forwarded by Express three bronze medals of General Zachary Taylor, has been received.

The Express package arrived this morning.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S. Philadelphia.

June 9th 1875.

Sir:

You are requested to furnish for the Official use of this office ten (10) pieces in bronze of the "Bickford International Coin."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

June 9th. 1875.

Sir:

A Telegram in the following words was sent you this day, viz:

"Am I to understand that Con. Virginia will deliver fine bars or do they expect to have the Mint part the bullion. If the latter I cannot approve the purchase. Answer."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S. San Francisco.

June 9th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st. inst. enclosing memorandum of 58.039.80 oz. in fine silver bars shipped Superintendent U. S. Mint at Philadelphia on the 26th. ult°., is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 9th. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day transmitted you by Express the sum of six dollars (6) in silver coin, in payment for pattern twenty cent (20) pieces forwarded by you to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

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J. He. Alexander, Esq.

607 Seventh St.

Washington D.C.

June 9th. 1875.

Sir:

I am requested by Dr. Linderman Director of the Mint, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th. inst. and to inform you that it will be impossible for him to further consider any trial of the Mindeleff process at the present time, as he expects to leave tomorrow for San Francisco.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

June 10th. 1875.

Sir:

So much of Regulation 14. Page 25, Instructions and Regulations, as prescribes the afternoon of Saturdays from two o'clock as a holiday, is here-by abrogated, to take effect on and after Saturday June 19th. 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thomas L. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

O. H. Lafrange, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U.S.

San Francisco.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson, Nevada.

M. E. Benzano, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

New Orleans.

J. G. L. Scherimer, Esq.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint

Denver, Colorado.

A. Walters, Esq.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office

Boise City, Idaho.

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Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 10th, 1875.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 3d inst. stating that "a transfer from the Bullion Fund of San Francisco Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of unparted bars to the value of five hundred thousand dollars, would commence being made on the 25th inst. in parcels of about $100.000. and every other day thereafter until the total sum is forwarded" you are informed that in place of the above mentioned transfer, unparted bars to the value of one million five hundred thousand dollars ($1.500.000.) will be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at Carson to that of your Mint.

Your bullion fund will be charged with the gold contained in the bars at its coining value and the silver at the rate of $1.19 per ounce fine.

The freight upon this bullion will be paid by you in Subsidiary silver coin and charged to Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

June 10th, 1875.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of May, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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A. Baron Holmes, Esq.

Charleston.

S. C.

June 10th, 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2d. inst. addressed to me at Philadelphia, was forwarded and received here on the 8th. inst. In the hurry of business I made a mistake in supposing the Centennial Anniversary of the Battle of Fort Sullivan to be June 28th. of this year, and telegraphed you the cost of the medals to save time.

Having occasion to refer to your letter this morning, I find that the celebration will not take place until June 28th, 1876. There will therefore be more time for the preparation of the desired medals.

I enclose herewith rough sketch of two different obverses - Nos. 1 & 2 - the reverse being the same in each case. My preference is for the obverse No. 1., drawn according to my own suggestions.

I also enclose copies of letters from Mr. Pollock, Supt. Mint, Philadelphia, and the United States Engraver.

If you shall decide to have the medals struck, you will please return the sketch, with an order or authority from the Centennial of the Palmetto Guard for their preparation.

The cost will be about as follows:

Engraving Dies	$75.00
200 Silver Medals @ 60 cts.	120.00
300 Bronze medals @ 15 cts	45.00
Incidentals	10.00
	$250.00

I shall take pleasure in having the medals prepared for you, and finished

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in the best style.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Moses W. Field,
Detroit, Mich.

June 10th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 5th inst. enclosing newspaper account of Mr. Horn's exploit in rescuing a news-boy from the Detroit River.

The dies for the medal of Mr. Horn are being prepared at the Philadelphia Mint, and the medal when completed will be a beautiful one. I shall send you information of its completion in time to make any arrangements for its presentation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Newspaper slip is herewith returned.

Hon. E. W. Barber,
Third Asst. P. M. General.

June 10th 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of current date you are informed that the medal of General Zachary Taylor, bearing the profile selected, may be sent by you to the engraver for use in making the die you desire.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.

June 10th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

You will please commence the shipment to the Mint at Philadelphia of the one million five hundred Thousand dollars ($1.500.000) in unparted bars on the 25th inst., sending to this Office and the Superintendent of the Mint Philadelphia a detailed statement of every lot delivered to the Express Company, showing the numbers of the bars, weight and fineness of both gold and silver.

It will be necessary for you to count the receipts of the Express Company as cash in your vault until a regular transfer draft can be issued which cannot be done until the true value of the bars is ascertained by melt and assay at the Philadelphia Mint, and reported to this Office.

The freight on this bullion will be paid by the Mint at Philadelphia in subsidiary silver coin.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Telegram.

L. A. Garnett

June 10th 1875.

416 Montgomery St.
San Francisco.

Assay Office statement of Doré mailed to Superintendent May 18th.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Lagrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

June 10th. 1875.

Sir:

You will please commence the shipment to the U. S. Assay Office at New York of one million five hundred thousand dollars in unparted bars on the 25th. inst., sending to this office and the Superintendent of the Assay Office a detailed statement of every lot delivered to the Express Company, showing the numbers of the bars, weight and fineness of both gold and silver.

You will prepay the freight on the above mentioned bullion in subsidiary silver coin, debiting your Silver Profit Fund with the same.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

June 10th. 1875.

Sir:

The Supt. of the Mint at San Francisco has been instructed to commence the shipment to your office on the 25th inst. unparted Comstock bars of the value of one million five hundred thousand dollars; your Bullion Fund to be debited with the gold contained in the bars at its coining value, and the silver at the rate of $1.21 per ounce fine.

The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has been instructed to prepay the freight on the same.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Messrs. Powers & Weightman

Philadelphia.

June 10th. 1875.

Gentlemen:

Your Bill in duplicate for thirty large Pots, shipped U. S. Mint San Francisco, is received. I will thank you to forward Bill Lading to this Office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

June 11th. 1875.

Sir:

Referring to your Bullion Accounts for the First Quarter 1875, I find that the Melter & Refiner is debited in his silver for Subsidiary Coin and "Silver Profit and Loss," credited with the sum of $45,144.85 "for gain by manufacture into Ingots of ozs. 769.274.60 silver, the average cost thereof @ $1.18+ being - $911.951.26 and the coin value - $957,106.81"

The cost of 769.274.60 ounces of silver at $1.18 would be $907.744.03, which would make the gain from this source $4.207.93 more than the amount with which the Melter & Refiner is charged.

As one dollar & eighteen cents was the highest purchasing rate for silver during the first quarter of the present year, you are respectfully requested to explain this item in your Accounts.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 11th, 1875.

Sir:

In accordance with instructions given me by the Director before his departure for the West last evening, I have to request that you will forward by Express to this Office, eight dollars ($8.) ordinary coinage, and two dollars in proof pieces of the twenty cent coin, making a total of ten dollars, C.O.D.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 11th, 1875.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in Subsidiary Silver coin to be transferred from your Bullion Fund to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for the transportation of the same to be paid by you from "Silver Profit Fund."

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — June 11th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the transfer of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in Subsidiary Silver coin from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from the "Silver Profit Fund" Thereof.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. — June 11th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

You are requested to render and transmit to this office your Bullion account for the first quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. — June 11th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of William Doyle, as Fireman, in the General Department of your Mint.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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C. J. Cowles, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

June 11th. 1875.

Sir:

Your appointment as Custodian of the Charlotte Mint building from July 1st. next, has been received from the Secretary's Office, and will be forwarded to you upon return of the enclosed oath of office, duly executed.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. D. W. Maher,
1st. Auditor.

June 11th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the First Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

William Smith, Esq.
Canyonville P.O.
Douglas Co. Oregon.

June 12th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of May 24th. covering package of ore, is received this day. The Mint charge for assaying ore is Five Dollars. On receipt of that amount, a report will be forwarded to you.

Your letter of April 19th. was received on May 14th, and a reply transmitted, as above.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

June 12th, 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of 5th inst. enclosing statement of melts made and condemned during the month of May. Also the Melter & Refiner's Report in explanation of the excess in the number of silver melts condemned.

The tabular statement of Mr. Bryant's is somewhat incomplete, inasmuch as he gives the average assay of but 37 out of the 41 silver melts condemned, and while his statement shows the average fineness of the melts to have been within the legal limits, yet he has not taken into consideration the fact that the variation between the first and second assays of each melt may have been so great as to throw doubt upon the metal being thoroughly mixed, and while a single melt under such circumstances may occasionally be passed, yet when several happen so in regular rotation, the assayer is right in insisting upon a closer correspondence.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

June 12th, 1875

Sir,

I have referred to the accounting officers of the Department for adjustment your Bullion Accounts for the first Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. Thomas S. Ashe
Wadesboro, N. C.

June 12th 1875.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 8th inst. relative to the Charlotte Mint, and its sale by the Government, I have to inform you that Mr. Calvin J. Cowles, the present Assayer in charge, has been appointed Custodian of the building from July 1st next, and that there is no intention of disposing of it by sale or otherwise, at the present time.

Dr. Linderman left for the Pacific Coast on the 10th inst.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

June 12th 1875.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of May, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S. Philad.a

June 12th 1875.

Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of Requisition from the Superintendent of the Carson Mint for certain dies.

Will you be kind enough to notify this office of their shipment.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis. Acting Director.

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Albert Wolters, Esq. June 12th 1875.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office.
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the current month has been approved for the sum of $782.80 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — — 1875 — —		$560.30
Wages of Workmen — 1 — —		222.50

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

A. J. Wolters, Esq. June 14th 1875.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office, Boise.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., stating your belief that the business of your office would be increased by advertising in the papers published in the principal Mining Districts, setting forth charges &c. &c.

While there is no law which would prevent the adoption of such a course, yet the matter is somewhat outside of the regular manner of transacting Mint business, and I would advise its postponement until the return of the Director from the Pacific Coast, in August next.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Albert Wolters, Esq.

June 14th. 1875.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 4th. inst. relative to the Appropriations for the next fiscal year, for the support of your Assay Office, I have to inform you that the Appropriation Bill provides as follows:

"For Salaries of Assayer in Charge	$2,500:
" Melter	2,500:
" in all	$5,000.
"For Wages of Workmen	$1.500.
" fuel, crucibles, chemicals, repairs and other necessaries	$1.000.

The Director of the Mint did everything possible to obtain the necessary appropriations for the Mints and Assay Offices, but his efforts were to some extent overruled by close legislation.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Messrs. Powers & Weightman

June 14th. 1875.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Gentlemen:

Your account for thirty large pots shipped U. S. Mint, San Francisco has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount $345.00 will be remitted you.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thos. G. Acton, Esq.

June 14th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing duplicate bills of Messrs. Abendroth Brothers, and Bill Lading for fifteen Gold Melting Pots, shipped U. S. Mint San Francisco, is received.

The account of Messrs. Abendroth Brothers has been approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft will be transmitted them for the amount.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thos. G. Acton, Esq.

June 14th 1875.

Supt. Assay Office, U. S. New York.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 12th inst. I have this day requested the Secretary 2nd Treasury to cause a transfer of $146.547.59 (payable in 116.555.$\frac{28}{100}$ of fine silver bars) from the Bullion Fund of your Office to that of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thomas G. Acton, Esq.

June 14th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment, your Bullion Accounts for the Fourth Quarter, 1874.

Very respectfully,

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Messrs. Abendroth Brothers

Nos. 109 & 111 Beekman St
New York.

June 14th 1875.

Gentlemen:

I have received from the Superintendent of U. S. Assay Office New York your bill amounting to $135.70 for fifteen Gold Melting Pots, shipped the U. S. Mint, San Francisco, and have approved and referred the same to the proper accounting officers for settlement. A draft for the amount will be transmitted you in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary Tr. Treasury.

June 14th 1875.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office New York, to that of the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia of the sum of one hundred and forty-six thousand five hundred and forty seven 59/100 dollars ($146.547.59) payable in 116.555.28/100 ozs. fine silver bars.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

June 14th 1875.

Sir:

Your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ending March 31st. 1875, are received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 14th. 1875.

Sir:

I enclose herewith requisition from the Supt. of the Denver Mint for twelve (12) dozen matrasses.

Will you be kind enough to have the parties who furnish your Mint with such articles, ship the goods to the Supt. of the Denver Mint at through freight, and forward their bill in duplicate, and bill of lading to this office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

G. He. Lalprange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

June 14th. 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, Bill Lading for fifteen Gold Melting Pots shipped your Mint by Messrs. Abendroth Brothers, New York.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon.
1st. Auditor.

June 14th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, for the Fourth Quarter, 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

June 15th 1875.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $20.133.56 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$2.240.96
Wages of Workmen	"	7.223.06
Contingent Expenses	"	10.669.54

It was necessary to reduce the amount of your Requisition as transmitted under the head of Salaries, and also under that of "Contingent Expenses"; the amounts allowed you being the balances remaining in the Treasury of the appropriations for these purposes.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

June 15th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. enclosing Statement of Subsidiary Silver coins in the cashier's vault June 5th 1875, belonging to your Bullion Fund, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

June 15th 1875.

Seller of Comstock Bullion pays no charges whatever.

M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

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Messrs. Balback & Sons

Newark, N. J.

June 15th, 1875.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate Bill Lading for ten (10) barrels sweeps shipped you by C. J. Cowles, Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. by direction of this Office.

You will observe that the freight has been prepaid to New York, and I have to request that you will pay the freight, and any other expenses attending the re-shipment from New York to Newark, and transmit your bill to this Office for payment, or deduct the amount from the proceeds of the sweeps.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint

Denver, Colorado.

June 15th, 1875.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the current month has been approved for the sum of $2.524.15 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875		$856.90
Wages of Workmen	"		1,270.00
Contingent Expenses	"		397.25

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

O. H. Lalyrange, Esq.

June 15th 1875

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the current month has been approved for the sum of $5.315.75 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875.	$2.115.75
Wages of Workmen	"	3.200.00

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.

June 15th 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing in duplicate Bill Lading for ten barrels Sweeps shipped Messrs. Balback & Sons Newark, N. J., is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock

June 15th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will forward to this office by express C.O.D. five dollars Ordinary Coinage, and five dollars in proof coins of the twenty cent pieces, making a total of ten dollars.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

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Hon. James Pollock

June 15th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th. inst. advising this office of the shipment by Express of ten dollars in twenty cent pieces, is received.

The package containing the coins referred to has been delivered.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock

June 15th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The appointment of Mr. O. C. Bosbyshell as Acting Coiner, during the temporary absence of the Coiner of your Mint, is hereby approved.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

June 16th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day received your account of disbursements for the construction and equipment of Refinery at your Mint up to May 31st. 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st. Auditor.

June 16th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. for the month of April, 1875.

Your attention is respectfully directed to an overpayment of $0.55, in Voucher no. 466, bill of Spring Valley Water works, for 529.500 galls. of water @ $0.75 per gallon = $397.60 gold currency @ 87½ = $454.40; the proper amount should be $397.12½ gold, or $453.85 currency.

Also to an overpayment of $0.11 in Voucher no. 469, bill of the Western Union Telegraph Co. under date of the 27th. three dispatches are enumerated from the Director of the Mint at $6.00, $6.37 and $5.33 respectively and the total carried out $17.81 instead of $17.70 the proper amount.

I also enclose copy of a letter from the Superintendent explaining certain items in these accounts.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

June 16th. 1875.

Q. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of May 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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O. H. Lafrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

June, 16th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of April, 1875, together with a copy of your letter of the 31st ultimo, explaining certain items in your Accounts.

The attention of the Auditor has been directed to an overpayment of 55 cents, in Voucher No. 466, and an overpayment of 11 cents in Voucher No. 469, and the same will be disallowed in the settlement of your accounts.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. Lafrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

June 16th 1875.

Sir:

Your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending March 31st 1875, are received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Telegram.

H. R. Linderman
Omaha, Nebraska.

June 17th 1875.

Everything right at house and office. No quotation received since you left. New York is purchasing daily at one twenty one and a half.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. Jas Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 17th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th. inst. containing notification of shipment of ten dollars ($10.) in twenty cent pieces received. The package containing the coins has been delivered by the Express Company.

I have paid to the Express $10.20 in silver coins the 20 cents being added to make good the loss on the light silver coins sent you some days since, and should there be any loss on the coins now sent you will please notify this office, and the same will be made good without delay.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 17th. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in Subsidiary silver coin, to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid from your Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — June 17th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in Subsidiary Silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint Philadelphia, to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for Transportation of the same to be paid by Superintendent of the Mint from the "Silver Profit Fund" thereof.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. — June 17th 1875.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 15th inst. asking to be permitted to take the modified oath of office, I enclose blank form which you will please return to this office duly executed.

The "iron-clad" oath was sent from the Appointment Room, and I accordingly forwarded it to you.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

June 18th, 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

On or before the 30th inst. you will ship the assay chips on hand at your Office by Express to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to be converted into coin, notifying this Office when the shipment is made.

It will not be advisable to have the value of chips returned to you in coin, but the necessary steps will be taken by this Office to have the amount transferred to the Treasurer of the U. S., and credit given you therefor.

You will also on the 30th inst. report to this Office the amount of silver coin you have on hand, in order that the necessary draft may be issued, transferring the amount to the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

June 18th, 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

You are requested to transmit to this Office without delay, statement showing the condition of your Bullion Fund May 31st 1875.

This statement should be forwarded promptly at the close of each month.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

June 19th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I send by Express today a small package containing ore from the State of Missouri, brought to this Office by Mr. A. H. Holt, Chief Clerk of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Will you be kind enough to have the ore assayed, and the return sent to this Office.

Enclosed please find five Dollars to pay for the assay.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

June 19th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Collector of the Port of New York, may be instructed to admit free of duty, four hogsheads containing porcelain pots, shipped from London, per Steamship "Russia" on the 12th inst. and consigned to Thomas Hillhouse, Asst. Treasurer U. S. New York City.

The pots are to be used in the New Refinery of the Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

June 19th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing the following statements, is received, viz:
Bullion Fund.
Gold & Silver of Domestic Production.
Deposits & Purchases Gold & Silver.
Coinage Executed.
Bars manufactured, and
Transcript of Bullion Fund.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Jacob C. Schuler, Esq.
4719 Haverford St.
Philadelphia

June 21st 1875.

Sir:

Yours of the 17th inst. enclosing application of Miss. Anna Schuler for a position in the Mint at Philadelphia, has been received, and placed on file in this Office.

The power of appointment is according to law, lodged with the Superintendent of the Mint, not with the Director, who simply approves or disapproves the appointments made.

The Director's absence in California precludes any further reply until his return in August next.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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B. F. Stevens, Esq.

U. S. Dispatch Agent
London.

June 21st. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th. inst. and accompanying medal, struck to commemorate the National Thanksgiving for the recovery of the Prince of Wales, has been received.

In the absence of the Director, permit me to thank you, and through you the Messrs. Wyon, for the beautiful impression of a truly grand and artistic medal, and also to assure you that on Dr. Linderman's return from California in August next, he will do all in his power to secure sufficient space and a conspicuous position for Messrs. Wyon's table at the Philadelphia Exibition.

In regard to the Hill Engraving Machine, I can say from personal observation, that it has fully met all expectations, and been in constant use ever since its arrival at the Philadelphia Mint.

I am, very respectfully
Yours &c.
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

June 21st. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th. inst. enclosing account current of your Bullion Fund, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

June 21st 1875.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in subsidiary silver coin, to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from the "Silver Profit Fund" thereof.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 21st 1875.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in subsidiary silver coins to be transferred from your Bullion Fund to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid from your "Silver Profit Fund".

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

June 21st 1875.

Sir:

Under instructions from the Director of the Mint, Mr. Frederick Eckfeldt and Mr. E. O. Leech of this Office, will visit your mint on or about the 28th inst. for the purpose of being present at the annual settlement.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

June 21st 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this Office with a statement showing the amount of fine silver bars received by you from the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
San Francisco.

June 21st 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing memorandum of fine silver bars shipped Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

June 21st 1875.

Sir:

I am informed by the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint that the dies ordered by you on the 4th inst. were forwarded by Express on the 19th inst.

Your attention is respectfully called to a copy of the Engraver's letter relative to breakage &c, herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thos. E. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

June 21st 1875.

Sir:

Under instructions from the Director of the Mint, Mr. Robert E. Preston of this office, will visit your Assay Office on or about the 28th inst. for the purpose of being present at the Annual Settlement.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. Lafrangee, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

June 21st 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing statement of silver bullion purchased per instructions of this office under date of April 6th 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Thomas Hillhouse, Esq. June 22d. 1875.

Assistant Treasurer, U.S.

New York.

Sir:

Information has been received at this Office from the Secretary of the Treasury to the effect that the Collector of the Port of New York has been instructed to admit free of duty four hogsheads, containing porcelain pots, shipped from London per Steamer "Russia" on the 12th. inst. and consigned to you.

The Director of the Mint requested before his departure for the west, that as soon as permission was granted, to admit the goods free of duty, I should notify you, and ask you to ship them overland, at through freight rates, to O. H. Salfrange, Supt. of the Mint U. S. San Francisco, they being intended for use in the Refinery of that mint.

Will you be kind enough to see to their shipment, and transmit bills of lading in duplicate, and also bills for any expense incurred by you, to this Office.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon, June 22d. 1875.

1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Bullion Accounts of the Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City, for the 1st Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

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John H. Wheeler, Esq.

Washington. D.C.

June 22d. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your report of your recent visit to the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C., under instructions from this Office, and also your bill of expenses incurred in performing the duties devolved upon you.

Your bill has been referred to the First Auditor for examination and settlement.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Assay Office

Charlotte, N.C.

June 22d. 1875.

Sir:

Yours of the 19th inst. enclosing oath of office duly executed, has been received.

I have the pleasure of forwarding herewith your appointment as Custodian of the U. S. Assay Office Building at Charlotte, N.C. to take effect from the 1st prox.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office. New York.

June 22d. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting officers of the Department for adjustment, your Bullion Accounts for the 1st Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 22d. 1875.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will forward to this Office by Express C.O.D., the following Silver Coins:

Ten Proof Trade Dollars.

Twenty-five Proof Twenty Cent Pieces, and twenty-five Twenty Cent Pieces, ordinary coinage.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 24th. 1875.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st. prox. viz:

Salaries	1876	$37.300.-
Wages of Workmen	"	250.000.-
Contingent Expenses	"	75.000.-
Annealing Furnaces	"	15.000.-

It is desirable that in making your monthly requisitions for funds for salaries and wages, you will not largely exceed one twelfth of the appropriations for these purposes. Such amounts will be advanced you for Contingent Expenses as the needs of your institution may require.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philad.a

June 24th. 1875.

Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, advising this office that instructions have been given the various Assistant Treasurers to transfer to your Mint, all the gold dollars in their possession, not needed for the current business of their respective offices.

In the receipt and disposition of the coin referred to, you will be governed by the instructions contained in the Directors letter of the 14th. of May last.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Philadelphia.

June 24th. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in subsidiary silver coin, to be transferred from your bullion fund to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for the transportation of the same to be paid by you from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

June 24th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st. prox. viz:

Salaries	1876	$25.700.
Wages of workmen	"	275.000.
Contingent Expenses	"	86.000.
Refinery (Balance)	"	94.137.

It is desired that in making your monthly requisitions for funds for salaries and wages you will not largely exceed the one twelfth of the appropriations for these purposes.

Such amounts will be advanced for Incidental Expenses as the needs of your institution may require.

It would be well for you to forward your requisitions as early in the month as possible in order that the remittance may reach you in good season.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

June 23d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to call your attention to an error in the amount of Silver operated upon in the Coiner's Department of the Mint at San Francisco, for May 1875.

The amount should be 1.195.218.45 ounces, instead of 1.198.218.45 oz.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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Thos. L. Acton, Esq.

June 28th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d. inst. enclosing account current of your Bullion Fund, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 23d. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully called to the letter of this Office under date of the 9th. inst. requesting you to forward ten pieces in copper bronze of the Buckford Inter-National coin for the Official use of this Office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow, Esq.

June 24th. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in subsidiary silver coin, to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from the "Silver Profit Fund," thereof.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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Thomas R. Acton, Esq.

June 24th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st. prox. viz:

Salaries	1876	$35.650.
Wages of Workmen	"	80.000.
Contingent Expenses	"	50.000.

You are requested in making your monthly requisitions for funds for salaries and wages not to largely exceed the one twelfth of the appropriations for these purposes.

Such amounts will be advanced you for Contingent Expenses as the needs of your Office may require.

In order that remittances may reach you in good season it would be well for you to forward your requisitions early in the month.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

June 24th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of May, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

June 24th 1875.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st. prox. viz:

Salaries	1876	$24.600.00
Wages of Workmen	"	85.000.00
Contingent Expenses	"	100.000.00

It is desired that in making your monthly requisitions for funds for salaries and wages you will not largely exceed the one twelfth of the appropriations for these purposes.

Such amounts will be advanced you for Incidental Expenses as the needs of your institution may require.

It would be well for you to forward your requisitions as early in the month as possible, in order that remittances may reach you in good season.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

M. V. Benzano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans. La.

June 24th 1875.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the current month has been approved for the sum of $22.38.00 from the following appropriations:

Salaries	1875	$288.50
Wages of Workmen	"	249.60
Contingent Expenses	"	1,194.90
Repairs & Apparatus	"	500.00

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Actg Director.

M. Y. Bonzano, Esq.

June 24th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st prox. viz:

Salaries	— —	1876 —	$6.000.
Wages of workmen	—	" —	3.000.
Contingent Expenses	—	" —	3.000.

It is desired that in making your monthly requisitions for funds for salaries and wages you will not largely exceed the one twelfth of the appropriations for these purposes.

Such amounts will be advanced you for Incidental Expenses as the needs of your institution may require.

In order that remittances may reach you in good season, it would be well for you to forward your requisitions early in the month.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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telegram

Supt. Mint. New Orleans.

June 24th 1875.

Purchase coal out of this year's appropriation as requested in your letter of twenty first. Funds will reach you by thirtieth.

M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

M. Y. Bonzano, Esq.

June 24th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S. New Orleans.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day is hereby made official: "Purchase coal out of this years appropriations as requested in your letter of the 21st inst. Funds will reach you by 30th inst."

Very respectfully

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Mr. Frederick Eckfeldt

June 24th 1875.

Sir:

Under instructions from the Director of the Mint, you are hereby authorized to proceed to the Mint at Philadelphia, and take an account of all the coin, bullion &c, delivered by the operative officers in settlement of their accounts, and ascertain whether the total amount of Gold and Silver on hand corresponds with the amounts respectively shown by the books of account to be due the United States and depositors.

You will be assisted by Mr. E. O. Leech, of this office, and in connection with him, you will make an accurate determination of the amount of Gold & Silver respectively in the Bullion Fund, ascertaining how much of each metal is in coin, and how much in bullion. The condition of the Ordinary Account will also be examined and reported to this Office.

The Superintendent and Operative Officers will please furnish Messrs. Eckfeldt & Leech every facility for the performance of the duties devolved upon them.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

J. V. L. Schirmer Esq.

June 24th 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col:

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st prox. viz:

Salaries - — —	1876 — —	$10.400.
Wages of workmen — —	" — —	15.335.
[illegible] — —	" — —	5.000. (over)

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It is desired that in making your monthly requisitions for funds for salaries and wages, you will not largely exceed the one twelfth of the appropriations for these purposes.

Such amounts will be advanced you for Contingent Expenses as the needs of your Mint may require.

In order that remittances may reach you in good season, it would be well for you to forward your requisitions as early in the month as possible.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City. Idaho.

June 24th. 1875.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your institution for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st. prox. viz:

Salaries	1876		$5.000.
Wages of workmen	"		1.500.
Contingent Expenses	"		1.000.

You will perceive that the above appropriations will render necessary a reduction in your force of employés at the end of the present month.

You are requested in making your monthly requisitions for funds for salaries and wages not to exceed by any considerable amount the one twelfth of the appropriations for these purposes.

Such amounts will be advanced you for Incidental Expenses as the needs of your office may require.

In order that remittances may reach

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you in good season you are requested to forward your requisitions early in the month.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

C. A. Kidder, Esq.

June 25th. 1875.

1234 N. 5th. St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

As per request contained in your letter of the 23d. inst. I have enclosed to your address this day, a copy of the last annual report of the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

C. W. McDonald, Esq.

June 25th. 1875.

Concordia. Kansas.

Sir:

As per request contained in your letter of the 18th. inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I enclose herewith a circular exhibiting the values of foreign coins in U. S. money of accounts.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

M. T. Bonzano, Esq.

June 25th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of May, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq. June 25th 1875.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have received the official oath of Richard Holme, Assistant in the Assayer's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock June 28th 1875.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th inst. enclosing contract made with Melvin & McMorris of your city, for sinking an artesian well in the Mint, for the sum of $9.700.

The contract is herewith returned approved.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock June 28th 1875.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter relative to the Bickford coins, and the box containing the same, were received this morning.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Messrs. Powers & Weightman
Philadelphia.

June 28th 1875.

Gentlemen.

I am in receipt of yours of the 26th inst. stating that the German manufacturers decline to make the large porcelain jars for the Refinery at San Francisco, and have so telegraphed the Director who is now in that city.

Upon receipt of his reply, I will inform you what action will be taken in regard to the specimen jars used by Johnson and Matthey. I presume you do not know their capacity.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

June 28th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. enclosing estimates for Refinery expenses for the current month.

The estimates have been approved and referred to the Supervising Architect.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Telegram.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Mint, San Francisco.

June 28th 1875.

Powers & Weightman state that German manufacturers decline to make large porcelain pots. Specimen pots as used by Johnson & Matthey are on Steamer "Ohio" expected in two weeks, and can be supplied within next four months. Will instruct Powers & Weightman to ship specimens on their arrival. Pots ordered by Bigelow arrived in N.Y. Saturday and will be shipped overland today.

M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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Hon. Thomas Hillhouse — June 29th 1875.

Asst. Treasurer, U.S.
New York.

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday enclosing bills of lading in duplicate for porcelain pots shipped via Erie R.R. to the Mint at San Francisco.

Also bills for ocean freight and expenses amounting to $25.75/100, which I have referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock — June 29th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sum of $49.75 has been charged against the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, on account of Bill rendered by E. B. Elliott for expenses incurred in attending the Annual Assay Commission in February last.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow — June 30th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I would respectfully request that a messenger be detailed for duty in this office for thirty days, commencing from the 6th prox. The necessity of this request is caused by the illness of the Laborer regularly employed in this Bureau and the temporary leave of absence of our Messenger.

Very respectfully

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A. C. Paquet Esq.

1308 Park Avenue
Philadelphia.

June 30th. 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your note of yesterday relative to the payment of your bills for the Life Saving Medal Dies, it is preferred that they should both be embraced in one Bill. We rather expected that you would be down somewhere in the early part of July, and deliver the dies you are now engaged upon, and I had made arrangements with the Chief Clerk of the Lighthouse Division to pay you your Bill immediately upon receipt of the dies for the second class. The Director before his departure, preferred they should be paid together, and I think you had better wait until you have completed your labors, and collect the whole amount.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton,

June 30th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office. New York.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of this date announcing the arrival of the first shipment of Doré bullion from San Francisco and requesting an invoice &c, I have to inform you that no invoice has been received at this office. Upon its arrival a copy will be sent you although the Superintendent at San Francisco was instructed in forwarding bullion to your office, to send a statement of each shipment to you. It may arrive in the morning's mail.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

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E. B. Elliott Esq.

June 30th 1875.

Bureau of Statistics.

Sir:

I herewith return Bill of Expenses incurred by you in visiting Philadelphia as a commissioner to the annual assay in February last, the same having been sent back to this office by the First Auditor, on account of the charges being too high in some instances, and the bills not having been sworn to.

The figures in pencil are the First Auditors, and designate the amounts that will be allowed you.

Be kind enough to make out new bills, and have them properly sworn to.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Messrs. Balbach & Son,

July 1st 1875.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 29th ult. enclosing statement of return for the 10 bbls. of sweeps from the Charlotte Assay Office, and also the receipt by Express of $264 25/100.

The Bill for freight amounting to $8. has been referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Telegram. Hendricks Bros.

July 1st 1875.

49 Cliff St. New York.

No copper required at the present time.

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers

July 1st. 1875.

Supt. Construction of Refinery
Mint U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

The porcelain pots ordered by Mr. Bigelow in London, arrived in New York on Saturday last, and were shipped on the following Monday (June 28th.) to San Francisco.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Geo. E. Thompson, Esq.

July 1st. 1875.

Supt. Mint, Dept.
Adams Express Co.

Sir:

Your Bill for $597.50 for transporting Gold Bullion between the Mint at Philadelphia and Assay Office New York during the month of June, has been received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thos. E. Acton, Esq.

July 1st. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th. ult. enclosing account current of your Bullion Fund, and statement of items &c., has been received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Messrs. Powers & Weightman

Philadelphia.

July 1st 1875.

Gentlemen:

Upon the arrival of the Steamship "Otis" in Philadelphia, will you be kind enough to notify this office of the number of specimen porcelain jars obtained from Johnson and Matthey.

The Secretary of the Treasury will be asked to instruct the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia to admit the same free of duty.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co.

Baltimore, Md.

July 2nd 1875.

Gentlemen.

I return herewith your bill in duplicate for copper shipped the U. S. Mint at San Francisco in June last, and have to request that you will date your bill as if the purchase was made in July and return the same to this office. This step is rendered necessary, owing to a decision made by the accounting officers, that no expenses can be incurred before the appropriation out of which the same is payable becomes available.

As soon as your bills are returned to this office they will be approved and referred for settlement.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary Treasury.

July 2. 1875.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation to be paid by the Supt. of the Mint, from the "Silver Profit Fund" thereof.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

July 2. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will issue your warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in favor of James Crawford, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, for the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000.) payable out of the appropriations for Contingent Expenses of said Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Telegram. H. R. Linderman,

July 2. 1875.

Mint, San Francisco.

Secretary desires to know lowest market rate before authorizing purchase.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

July 2d. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant, on the Treasurer of the United States in your favor, for the sum of Ten thousand dollars ($10,000.), payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1876.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

July 2d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th. inst. memorandum & Recapitulation of Refined Silver Bullion shipped U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, in payment of Transfer Draft for $627.500., is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

July 2d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letters of the 23d. & 24th. inst. enclosing memorandums of Doré Silver shipped Supt. U. S. Assay Office, are received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.

July 2d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, duplicate Bill Lading for 4 casks Porcelain Jars, shipped you by Thomas Hillhouse, Asst. Treasurer, U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

July 2d. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will issue your warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of O. H. La Grange, Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the sum of Ten thousand dollars ($10,000.), payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of said Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30d. 1876.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Telegram. Superintendent

July 2d. 1875.

Assay Office, New York.

Have you received invoice of Doré from San Francisco.

M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 2d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Mr. Robert E. Preston of this office informs me that on his recent visit to New York, he was shown by Mr. George Ashley, of the Asst. Treasurer's Office, a Double Eagle, coined at the San Francisco Mint, weighing 526 grains.

I have to request that you will procure and forward the coin to this office, and transmit bill in duplicate for the same.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 2d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the current month, has been approved for the sum of $15.100. from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	—	$3.100.
Wages of Workmen	—	7.000.
Contingent Expenses	—	5.000.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 2d. 1875.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Institution for the current month has been approved for the sum of $30.700. from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	—	$3.400.
Wages	—	21.000.
Contingent	—	6.300.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 2d. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your statement of minor coins redeemed &c. for the month of June 1875, and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1875.

Also statement of minor coinage operations for the month of June 1875, which has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — July 2. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars in Subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from your Bullion Fund to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid from "Silver Profit Fund".

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq. — July 2. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor, for the sum of five thousand dollars ($5000.) payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1876.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Telegram. H. R. Linderman, — July 3. 1875.

Director of Mint.
San Francisco.

You are hereby authorized to purchase one million dollars worth fine silver bars at a rate not exceeding one dollar twenty one cents per ounce fine. Bullion fund of Mint will be increased accordingly.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 3d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In reference to the Doré Bullion now being received at your office from the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, you are respectfully informed that your Bullion Fund is to be charged with the silver contained therein at the rate of $1.21½ per ounce fine, and with the gold at its coining value.

No charges whatever will be made by you upon the bullion above referred to.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

July 3d. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that the Bullion Fund of the San Francisco Mint be increased one million dollars ($1.000.000.) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin from the Assistant Treasurer, and that the transfer be made immediately by telegraph.

The above addition to the Bullion Fund is rendered necessary on account of a large purchase of silver bullion authorized this day to be made at the Mint for that subsidiary coinage.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. July 3d. 1875.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th ult. enclosing memorandum of Doré silver shipped to Philadelphia June 24th.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. July 3d. 1875.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th ult. enclosing correct recapitulation of Refined Silver Bullion, forwarded to Mint at Philadelphia, has been received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock July 3d. 1875.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will forward to this Office C. O. D. the following silver coins, viz:

One Trade Dollar (Proof)
Five Dollars in Proof Twenty cent pieces.
" " " Ordinary " " " .

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 3d. 1875.

Sir:

Blank forms for deposits of Gold & Silver Bullion, adopted by this office, have been forwarded you by Express today.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Similar letter to
C. H. Lagrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

July 6th. 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3d. inst. stating that you had received the 3d. shipment of Doré Silver bars, for which no invoice has been received, and also that you have received an invoice of 50 bars for which the bars corresponding have not been received.

I have to state that this office received this morning the final statement of 467 bars, valued at $1,500,001.15, shipped you from the 22d to the 26th. June, inclusive.

Should you not have received a similar statement, please advise this office, and a copy of the same will be sent you.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
For the Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 6th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3d inst. transmitting 1 double eagle of the coinage of 1873 at the Mint of the U. S. San Francisco, weighing 527 grains, also bill of Geo. Ashley for the same, is received.

The bill of Mr. Ashley has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be forwarded.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
For the Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

July 6th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia may be instructed to admit free of duty, Four Porcelain Refining Jars, shipped from London per steamship "Ohio", and consigned to Mess. Powers & Weightman.

These pots are to be used in the Refinery of the Mint at San Francisco, and are furnished by Messrs. Powers and Weightman at actual cost.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
For the Director.

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M. L. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

July 6th. 1875.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint for the month of July 1875, has been approved for the sum of $802.65 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876		$294.80
Wages of Workmen	"		257.85
Contingent Expenses	"		250.00

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
For the Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 6th 1875

Sir:

Your Requisition for July has been made "special" and a draft for the amount thereof will be mailed you tomorrow.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
For the Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 6th 1875.

Sir:

I have received the Report of Expenditures for Construction of Refinery at your Mint, for the month of May, 1875.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
For the Director.

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Telegram. Powers & Weightman, July 6th 1875.

Philadelphia.

Will make request that Porcelain jars be admitted free of duty.

R. E. Preston,
For the Director.

Messrs. Powers & Weightman July 7th 1875.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging receipt of your Telegram and letter of yesterday, I have to inform you that the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, has been instructed to admit free of duty, the porcelain jars and apparatus, now on the Steamer "Ohio", and intended for use in the new Refinery at San Francisco.

Upon receipt of this letter, will you be kind enough to ship the goods overland at through-freight rates to O. H. LaGrange, Supt. of the Mint, San Francisco, transmitting to this Office Bills of Lading in duplicate, and also bills for any expenses incurred by you.

The bills of Messrs. Johnson & Matthey for the porcelain jars, referred to, you will please forward to this Office for payment.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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C. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

July 7th. 1875.

Sir:

The bill of Messrs. Pope Cole & Co. for ten (10) tons copper shipped you in June, amounting to $4.600. has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement; payment to be made from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Messrs. Pope Cole & Co.
Baltimore, Md.

July 7th. 1875.

Gentlemen.

Your acc't for ten (10) tons copper shipped the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in the course of a few days a draft for the amount $4.600. will be sent you.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

July 7th. 1875.

Sir:

I have received the oath of office of Wm. McCoy whose appointment as Workman in your Mint was this day approved.

Very respectfully M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 7th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

It is our intention to transfer the names of the Officers, Clerks & workmen of the U. S. Mint and Assay Offices to a new book entitled "Register of Mint Employés", & in order to facilitate the business of this Office, it is desired that the arrangement shall correspond as nearly as poisible with the monthly pay-rolls.

In order to effect this, so far as your institution is concerned, we propose to use your pay-rolls for the month of July as a guide, and you will please see that the arrangement for this month is continued throughout the fiscal year.

It is desired that there shall be but two pay-rolls for each department of your Mint, one for "Regular" and one for "Minor" coinage, & that there shall be a column for "Occupation" immediately after that for the names, and whenever appointments are made to fill vacancies that the names of the persons appointed be substituted for those whose duties they assume; and that all new appointments be placed at the end of your rolls in the order of appointment.

You will please notify this Office, as soon as they occur, of any transfers or changes in your employés.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis, Actg Director

Similar letter to

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint

O. H. Lafrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.

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J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Assayer in charge,
Mint, U. S. Denver.

July 7th/1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of the following statements for the month of June 1875:

Deposits of Gold & Silver Bullion.
Gold & Silver of Domestic Production.
Bars manufactured.
Amount of Bullion received, and weight of same after melting.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Assayer in charge,
Mint, U. S. Denver.

July 7th/1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2d inst. enclosing estimate of yield of Gold & Silver from Colorado, during the fiscal year ending June 30th/1875, has been received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

July 7th/1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ult. transmitting statement of subsidiary silver coin in cashier's vault June 26th 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Actg Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 7th 1875.

Supt. Mint & U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am advised by C. J. Bowles, Assayer in charge of the late Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. of the shipment to you under instructions of this office, Assay chips of the nominal value of $68.09. I will thank you to notify this Office as early as practicable, of the value in gold coin, of the same, when instructions will be given you for the proper disposition thereof.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

July 7th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

The rate at which your Bullion Fund is to be charged with the silver contained in the last shipment of Doré from San-Francisco, as stated in my letter of the 3d inst. is correct, viz: One dollar and twenty one and one half cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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Chas. M. Murdock, Esq.
Blue Springs.
Neb.

July 8th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letters of the 21st ult. enclosing ore specimens. As near as can be ascertained without assay, the ore is sulphuret of iron, and contains no precious metals.

If you desire an assay made, the cost will be $5. which you can forward to this Office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 8th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. enclosing certificates of Deposit for $610.00, on account of Profits on Medals, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 8th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst., transmitting Certificate of Deposit for $3.36 (coin), on account of foreign gold coin received, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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M. F. Bonzano Esq.

July 8th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

New Orleans.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 1st inst. you are respectfully informed that the manner in which you propose to apportion the appropriation for wages of workmen for the fiscal year ending June 30/1876, has the approbation of this office.

The appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year can be applied for all necessary and incidental expenses.

In regard to the steps that should be taken by you to recover the sum of $532.02, disallowed in your accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875, I think that upon your return north, it is advisable that you visit this office for consultation, before taking any action relative thereto.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahony

July 8th 1875.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month of May, 1875.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Actg Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 8th/1875.

Sir:

I have obtained from the Asst. Treasurer at New York, a Double Eagle, coined in San Francisco in 1873, weighing 527 grains, and which I forward today by Express, for your and the Assayer's examination.

As I would like to preserve the piece intact until the Director's return, I have to request that you merely make a casual examination at the present time, and return the coin to this office, when you are done with it.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 8th/1875.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars in subsidiary silver coin, to be transferred from your bullion fund to the Treasurer of United States, - the charges for the transportation to be paid from "Silver Profit Fund".

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

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C. J. Cowles, Esq.
Charlotte, N. C.

July 8th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst. advising this Office of the shipment of Assay Chips of the nominal value of $68.09 to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, for conversion into coin, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Geo. M. Guion, Esq.
Seneca Falls
New York.

July 8th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of 6th inst. requesting a silver proof set of 1873, has been referred to the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, who has charge of the sale of proof sets, medals, &c.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

July 8th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for examination & settlement, your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of May, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary Tr. Treasury.

July 8th 1875.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in subsidiary silver coin - to be transferred from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for the transportation thereof to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

July 8th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ult. enclosing statements showing the number, weight, fineness, and values of unparted Bars, shipped the Superintendent U. S. Mint Philadelphia, June 19th, 21st, 22d & 24th, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 8th 1875.

Sir:

Your medal account for the quarter ending June 30th 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Actg Director.

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Messrs. Powers & Weightman.
Philadelphia.

July 9th 1875.

Gentlemen:

I have the pleasure of acknowledging your letter of yesterday, with enclosures.

To guard against such a contingency as the miscarriage of your letters to Prof. Rogers I have mailed to Dr. Linderman copies of the London letters.

I know that the Director & Prof. Rogers will feel highly gratified for the interest you have taken in carrying out the Director's wishes, and he will probably instruct you from San Francisco what further course to pursue in obtaining the necessary porcelain or platina equipage for the Refinery.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

July 9th 1875.

Sir:

Your requisition for Double Eagle, Dime, Half Dollar, Trade Dollar, & Twenty Cent Dies, has been received and forwarded to the Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 9th 1875.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $30,165.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	— 1876 —	$2,165.00
Wages of Workmen	— " —	23,000.00
Contingent Expenses	— " —	5,000.00

The amount of your requisition for Contingent Expenses was reduced from $15,000.00 to $5,000.00, for the reason that an advance of $10,000.00 from the appropriation for that purpose for the present fiscal year was requested on the 1st inst. and the draft has been mailed you.

The Secretary has been requested to make your Requisition "Special."

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon.
1st Auditor.

July 9th 1875.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the month of May, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 9th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers of the Department, for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for May, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 9th 1875.

Sir:

I have received notice from the Carson Mint, that two letters intended for this office, were sent by mistake to your Mint.

Upon their receipt, be kind enough to forward them.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 9th 1875.

Sir:

The statement of assay coins, received during the Quarter ending June 30, 1875, has been received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

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Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

June 9th 1875.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copies of letters from Messrs. Powers & Weightman, on the subject of Porcelain Jars, and which they are anxious should be seen by Prof. Rogers.

The porcelain pots shipped on steamer "Ohio", have been admitted free of duty, and upon their shipment, due notice will be given to the Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Rear Admiral C. H. Davis
U. S. Naval Observatory
Washington, D.C.

July 9th 1875.

Sir:

I have received from Hon. Jas Pollock, Supt. Mint Philadelphia, a letter stating that the Draper medal has been completed, and is now ready for delivery. The cost of the medal will be as follows:

For Gold contained	$55 in gold coin
" making die	75 in currency
" " case	2.25 " "

I have instructed Supt. Pollock to forward the medal together with the bill of expense &c. to this office. It will probably reach here by Saturday or Monday next. Shall I have the medal sent to your address, or would you prefer to designate some one to receive it at this office. Awaiting your instructions,

I am very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

July 9th 1875.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $14,050.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$2,050.00
Wages of Workmen	"	9.000.00
Contingent Expenses	"	3.000.00

The amount requested for Contingent Expenses was reduced from $8.000.00 to $3.000.00 for the reason that the Secretary was requested on the 2d inst. to advance you $5.000.- from the Appropriation for the above purpose for the present fiscal year, and a draft for that amount has been mailed you.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 9th 1875.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of requisition from the Supt. of the Mint, San Francisco for coinage dies for the year 1875.

Please notify this Office, when the order has been filled.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 9th 1875.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday in reference to the Draper Medal, and have communicated with Rear Admiral Davis on the subject.

You will be kind enough to forward the medal together with the bill of costs, including the cost of the die, case &c, to this office.

The bill will be made out to _____, so that it may be filled up with the name of Rear Admiral Davis, or any other name he may designate.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint. Philadelphia.

July 9th 1875.

Have telegraphed Director as to payment on unparted bars.

M. V. Davis. Actg Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 9th 1875.

Sir:

A Telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Have telegraphed Director as to payment on unparted bars."

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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gram,

H. R. Linderman, July 9th 1875.

Mint, San Francisco.

Should freight on unparted bars from Carson be paid on Consolidated Virginia stamp of value, or Carson Mint assay. Matter now in dispute at Philadelphia. Wells Fargo claim freight on Consolidated Virginia stamp. Answer.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. July 15th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I return for the approval of the Superintendent, Certificates No. 501 to 506, inclusive, accompanying your pay-rolls for the month of May 1875.

Your attention is directed to the payment of $11.50, made to Frank Savine, Carpenter, on the rolls of the General Dept. of your Mint for May, for two days services at $5.75 per diem. The payrolls of the workmen engaged in the construction of a Refinery at your institution show, that, Mr. Frank Savine was employed as a Carpenter from May 1st to 31st and paid for the full number of working days (26) at the rate of $6.50 per diem.

I shall, therefore, request the accounting Officers of the Department to disallow the amount of $11.50 in the settlement of your Ordinary Expense Accounts for the month of May, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Act'g Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 10th 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst. relative to the payment of the bills of Wells Fargo & Co's Express for transportation from Carson, Nevada, of the unparted bars now being received at your Mint, you were this day instructed by Telegraph "to pay freight on Carson stamps", and not upon the value of the bars as stamped by the Consolidated Virginia Mining Company.

The amount paid the Express Company for freight on the three invoices referred to in your letter, in excess of the value as stamped by the Carson Mint, should be deducted from the amount of their bills for freight on future shipments, when presented for payment.

The entire cost for transportation of the unparted bars, ordered to be shipped from Carson, to Philadelphia, will be paid from the "Silver Profit Fund" of your Mint, as the appropriation for freight on bullion is not sufficient to pay the expense of transporting the gold contained therein.

As soon as the gold contained in these bars shall have been converted into coin, steps will be taken by this Office to have the "Silver Profit Fund" reimbursed for freight on the same.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.

July 10th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson,

Sir:

I am in receipt of the following communications, sent to Philadelphia Mint by mistake:

Letter of June 29th, with Statement of reserved coins for Quarter ending June 30th 1875.

Letter of same date, with Statement of Special assay coins for June, forwarded to Mint, San Francisco.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Messrs. Powers & Weightman

July 10th 1875.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Yours of yesterday enclosing bill for $138.61 for porcelain jars &c., has been received.

Will you be kind enough to send bill of lading in duplicate for the freight overland to San Francisco, so that I may forward your bill to the proper accounting Officers for settlement.

Very Truly
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Superintendent Mint

July 10th 1875.

Philadelphia.

Pay freight on Carson Stamps. Full instructions by mail today.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 10th 1875.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will forward to this Office by Express C. O. D. payable in gold coin, the following silver coins;

25 Proof twenty cent pieces.
50 Ordinary " " "

These coins are intended expressly for the employés of the Department.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Messrs. E. Balbach & Son,
Newark, N. J.

July 10th 1875.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury Draft No. A 68921 for the sum of eight dollars, the same being issued in payment of your bill for expenses incurred by you on account of Mint Sweeps from Assay Office at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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H. C. Hickok, Esq.
Actg Supt. Mint, U. S. Philadelphia.

July 10th 1875.

Sir:

Yours of yesterday announcing the temporary absence of the Superintendent, has been received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Actg Director.

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G. H. Lafrange, Esq.

July 10th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your record of deliveries of Gold and Silver coins and assay coins for Quarter ending June 30th 1875, has been received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,

July 12th 1875.

1st Auditor

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense Accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col., for the month of May 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq.

July 12th 1875.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver. Col.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense Accounts for the month of May 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Albert Walters, Esq.

July 12th/75.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

In examining your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of May 1875, I find that the sum of $12.00 has been paid to the "Idaho Statesman", Voucher No. 3, for printing "Reports of Official Postage Stamps."

These reports are furnished by the Department on demand, and the amount paid for printing the same will be disallowed in the settlement of your accounts.

The following items included in the same bill, are deemed excessively high, and you are requested to explain the same, viz:

" 4 doz. envelopes marked — — $3.00"
" marking envelopes — — 2.50"

It will be necessary for you to furnish a copy of the advertisement (printed) charged in this bill "Proposals for card wood."

With respect
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Telegram.

H. R. Linderman

July 12th 1875.

Mint, San Francisco

Express Company refuse to make further deliveries of Carson bars unless freight is paid as way billed on Consolidated Virginia Stamp. Claim that such is the contract. On shipments received over sixteen thousand dollars difference between company's stamp & Carson Assay. What shall be done.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 12th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. enclosing memorandum of the amount ($68.08) realized from the conversion of Bar &c. from Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. into coin, is received.

I have to request that of the amount you will deposit to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. in the name of C. J. Cowles, late Assayer in charge Assay Office Charlotte, N.C., the sum of $21.48 as deductions or charges on deposits, transmitting receipts in duplicate to this Office. The balance $46.60 you will hold subject to the payment of a draft, which will be issued transferring the same to your Bullion Fund.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

H. C. Heickok, Esq.

July 12th 1875.

Acting Superintendent
Mint Philadelphia.

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to inform me the cost of Centennial medals, in Silver & Bronze.

The inquiry is made for the Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, who desires to purchase for a friend.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

San Francisco.

July 12th 1875.

Comptroller refuses to approve your July requisition until vouchers for amounts advanced, have been received. Ten thousand on contingent sent ninth instant.

M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Telegram.

W. R. Linderman

July 12th 1875.

Mint, San Francisco.

Telegram received. Everything going on in perfect order.

R. E. Preston.

Hon. B. H. Bristow,

July 13th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of Forty-six 60/100 Dollars to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

I have also to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to the Treasurer of the United States, of the sum of Two hundred and three 40/100 Dollars.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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C. J. Cowles, Esq.

July 13th 1875.

late Assayer in Charge &c.
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I am advised by the Supt. of the Mint, U. S. Philadelphia, that the assay chips forwarded by you for conversion into coin produced $68.08, and I have requested the Superintendent to deposit the sum of $21.48 in your name to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. as "Charges on deposits", and the balance $46.60, to be held subject to the payment of a draft that will be issued in the course of a few days, transferring the amount from the Bullion Fund of your Office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

I have also requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of two hundred and three 40/100 dollars to be transferred from your Bullion Fund to the Treasurer of the United States and which draft will be presented to you in the course of a few days, by the Adams Express Company or their agents.

In rendering your accounts you will debit your Profit & Loss account with $21.48 as deductions on deposits deposited with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. Philadelphia to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S., and debit your Bullion Fund with the sum of $250.00 as transferred to the Treasurer of the U. S.

I have to request that you will render and forward your accounts as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

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H. C. Hickok, Esq.

July 13th 1875.

Acting Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Immediately on receipt of your letter yesterday, relative to the refusal of the Express Company to deliver Carson bars unless freight was paid as way-billed, I telegraphed the Director, and this morning received the following reply:

"I go to Carson tomorrow. Let question of rate of valuation of Silver for computation of Express charges stands until you are further advised. I have instructed Crawford to suspend shipments until I arrive there."

The matter will no doubt be settled by the Director with the Express Company at Carson, and no further difficulty may be anticipated.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

July 13th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I am in receipt of the following statements:

Classified Statement of Deposits for the month of June 1875.

Classified Statement of Deposits for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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G. H. La Grange, Esq.

July 13th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you yesterday, is hereby made Official:

"Comptroller refuses to approve your July requisition until vouchers for amount advanced have been received. Ten thousand on contingent sent ninth instant."

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

July 13th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

You are requested to forward to this Office a detailed Statement of silver purchased by you under authority of this Office dated June 6th 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,

July 13th 1875.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for the month of May 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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C. J. Cowles, Esq.
late Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

July 13th. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expenses Account for the month of May, 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

M. J. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

July 13th. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense Account for May, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st. Auditor.

July 13th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La., for the month of May, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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H. C. Hickok, Esq.
Acting Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 14th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday with enclosure from Express Company, stating that Wells, Fargo, & Co. had retained "fifty-six bars from Carson, which they decline to forward until payment of charges is secured."

I repeated to you yesterday the substance of the Director's telegram from San Francisco. Today I have received the following dispatch from him, and by which you will be governed in paying the freight on shipments already made.

Carson, July 14th, 1875.

M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

"Under the circumstances, it will be necessary to pay express charges at Philadelphia on stamped value. Charges on balance of shipment will be on Carson mint value, that is to say, on shipments made since tenth instant inclusive. Reclamation on Express Company for difference soon as data is furnished."

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

July 14th 1875.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint for the month of July, 1875, has been approved for the sum of $3,578.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876		$876.00
Wages of Workmen	"		1.452.00
Contingent Expenses	"		1.250.00

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Messrs. Powers & Weightman
Philadelphia.

July 14th 1875.

Gentlemen;

Your letter of the 13th inst. enclosing Bill Lading for Porcelain Jars, shipped to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, is received. Your account has been approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount, $138.61, will be sent you.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Actg Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S., Carson, Nev.

July 14th 1875.

Sir:

Your letters of the 3d & 6th inst. enclosing statements of unparted bars shipped Mint & the U. S. Philadelphia, are this day received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Actg Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

July 15th 1875.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction, Bill of S. J. Hodgkinson for Barrels, Voucher No. 288 of your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of May 1st 1875.

It is necessary that the same should be receipted on the face of the bill.

I also return Voucher No. 76, Bill of F. D. Hetrick for Traveling expenses, together with a copy of Treasury Department Circular No. 74.

It is necessary that the Certificate on this voucher, should be signed by Mr. Hetrick & witnessed by a Notary Public.

I have to inform you that an overpayment of 57 cents was made in the bill of Mr. E. Howe for drayage, included in Voucher No. 272. The amount of the bill should be $10.00 gold instead of $10.50 and $11.49 currency instead of $12.06. The difference will be disallowed.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. &c. Carson, Nev.

July 15th 1875.

Sir:

As per request contained in your letter of 8th inst. I have mailed to your address this day Blank Forms Nos. 1, 2, & 3, together with a circular letter relative to their use, - upon which you will please prepare & forward to this office, Estimates for the amount of funds requisite for the conduct of your institution during the fiscal year ending June 30.

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W. W. Dickison, M. D.

July 15th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of yesterday addressed to the Director of the Mint, relative to a sale of dies, has been received.

The Director is now absent in California, but on his return, his attention will be called to the subject, and you will be advised accordingly.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

H. C. Hickok, Esq.

July 16th 1875.

Acting Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th inst. and the reply from this office of the 9th inst. in relation to the Draper medal, will you be kind enough to inform me whether the medal has been forwarded.

Rear Admiral Davis who has the matter in charge, sent for the medal this morning, I having informed him upon the receipt of the Supt's letter, that the medal had been completed, and would be delivered to him at this office.

Please forward the medal by express, and send Bill of costs, as instructed in my letter of 9th inst.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 16th 1875.

Sir:

I have mailed to your address this day, Blank Forms Nos. 1, 2, & 3, together with a circular letter of instruction relative to their use.

You will please prepare your estimates for the expenditures of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1877, and submit the same to this Office, at the earliest practicable moment.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Similar letter to

Thomas G. Acton, Esq.
Superintendent, &c.
New York.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Prof. J. D. L. Schirmer
Assayer, &c.
Denver, Col.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer, &c.
Boise City, Idaho.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 16th 1875.

Sir:

I have received the Oath of Office of Mary R. Hooker - adjuster in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 16th 1875.

Sir:

I have to call your attention to the following items in your Medal Fund account Statement for the quarter ending June 30, 1875.

Voucher No. 2, Certificate of Jas. M. Bunn, for 27 Silver Signet medals, shows that the sum of $7.00 was paid therefor, while you have debited yourself in your Statement with $7.50.

No Voucher was transmitted with your account for "Cash received of Franklin Institute for restriking 26 medals - $5.00" under date of April 8.

There is a mistake of $3.00 in the footing of the first page of "Proof Sets sold during the Quarter &c." The same foots up $114.00 instead of $117.00.

I return herewith for correction in these particulars the "Statement of Medal Fund a/c", "Voucher No. 2," and "Proof sets sold during Quarter, &c.".

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia

July 16th 1875.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of June 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
Charlotte, N. C.

July 16th 1875.

Sir:

I have received your account of Ordinary Expenses, incurred as assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, during the month of June, 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
Charlotte, N. C.

July 16th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day received your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30th 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thomas B. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

July 16th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday enclosing statements of operations, and earnings, & expenditures, for the Quarter ending June 30th 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

July 16th 1875.

Sir:

I have received your Telegram requesting six Official bonds, and have forwarded the same to you today, by mail.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor.

July 17th 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev., for the month of May, 1875.

Your attention is respectfully directed to an overpayment of fifty-seven cents, made in the settlement of the bill of E. Howe for drayage, included in Voucher No. 272. The amount of the bill should be $10.00 gold, instead of $10.50, and $11.49 currency instead of $12.06.

Vouchers No. 76 and No. 288 have been returned for correction, and will be sent you as soon as they are received at this Office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. of Mint
San Francisco.

July 17th 1875.

Sir:

Your corrected statement of Silver workings of the Coiner's dept. for May, has been received.

The error in the original statement furnished by you, consisted in giving the amount delivered on May 24th as 16,294.60 ozs, instead of 19,294.60, showing an apparent discrepancy in the total for the month, of 3,000. ozs., as stated in my letter of 23d ult.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

July 17th 1875.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully called to letter of May 28, 1875, from this Office, requesting you to forward on and after the 1st of July 1875, daily statements of coin deliveries, balances, amounts paid and due depositors &c, upon the forms used for your Weekly Report.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

July 17th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of the statements of the M. & R's, and Coiners operations for the month of June, and coinage executed during the fiscal year.

As I am desirous of finishing the Tables for the Annual Report before the return of the Director, will you be kind enough to forward all annual statements due, as early as possible.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

July 17th 1875.

Sir:

Permit me to call your attention to the fact that a great many letters received from your Mint are not endorsed as required by the Regulations of the Department.

Will you be kind enough to call the attention of your clerks to the omission, and instruct them that all letters sent to this Office, must be properly endorsed.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

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O. H. Larrabee, Esq.

July 17th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of May, 1875.

The Auditor has been requested to disallow the sum of $11.50 in the settlement of your Account paid Frank Savine, Carpenter, for two days services at $5.75 per diem.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

H. C. Hickok, Esq.

July 17th 1875.

Actg Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your monthly Statements of Deposits, Bars, &c. for the month of June.

As I am anxious to finish the tables for the Annual Report before the Director's return, will you be kind enough to send your Annual Statements as early as convenient.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st. Auditor.

July 17th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, at San Francisco, for the month of May, 1875.

Your attention is respectfully directed to the payment of $11.50 made to Frank Savine, Carpenter, on the rolls of the General Dept. for 2 days services at $5.75 per diem. The pay-rolls of Workmen engaged in the Construction of the new Refinery at the San Francisco Mint, show that Mr. Frank Savine was employed as a Carpenter from May 1st. to 31st., and paid for the full number of working days (26) at the rate of $6.50 per diem.

I have therefore to request that the above amount of $11.50 be disallowed in the settlement of this Account.

The Certificates (Nos. 501 to 506 inclusive) accompanying the pay-rolls were returned on the 10th instant for the approval of the Superintendent, and will be sent you as soon as they are received from this Office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahony, July 17th 1875.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the month of May, 1875.

Your attention is respectfully directed to the item of $12.00 paid to the "Idaho Statesman" for Voucher No. 3. for "Printing Reports of Official Postage Stamps."

Inasmuch as these Reports are furnished by the Department on demand, I think that the printing of the same was unnecessary, and the amount paid therefor should not be allowed.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. July 17th 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of May, 1875.

The attention of the Auditor has been called to the item of $12.00 in the bill of the "Idaho Statesman" for printing reports of official postage stamps.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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C. J. Cowles, Esq.

Charlotte, N.C. July 17th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense Accounts, as Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C., for the month of June, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. July 17th 1875.

Assayer &c. U. S. Assay Office
Boise City.

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expense Account, for June, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. July 17th 1875.

Assayer, &c. U. S. Assay Office,
Boise.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your monthly Statements of operations for June 1875, and for the fiscal year ending that date.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Albert Wolters, Esq.

July 17th 1875.

Assayer, &c. U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Office, during the current month has been approved for the sum of $630.93 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$421.20
Wages of Workmen	"	126.40
Contingent Expenses	"	83.33

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock

July 17th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I return herewith for the signature of the Melter & Refiner "Coiner's Report of fine & standard Gold and Silver Bullion used in the manufacture of National and other medals", belonging to the Report of Proof coins, medals &c. for the Quarter ending June 30th 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mints
Carson City, Nev.

July 17th. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept., for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Accounts for May, 1875.

The attention of the Auditor has been called to an overpayment of fifty seven cents in the bill of Mr. E. Howe, for drayage, included in voucher #272.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mints, U. S.
Carson.

July 17th. 1875.

Sir:

Your telegram of the 16th. inst. received. The Secretary of the Treasury has been requested to cause the transfer of one hundred thousand dollars in subsidiary silver coin from your Bullion Fund to the Treasurer of the United States, - the charges for transportation to be paid out of your Silver Profit Fund:

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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James Crawford, Esq. July 17th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I am desirous of completing all the Tables for the Annual Report, by the time the Director returns to Washington.

Will you be kind enough to forward as early as possible all your Annual Statements of operations, &c.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Actg Director.

James Crawford, Esq. July 17th 1875.

Supt. &c. Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your Daily Statements of Coin deliveries &c. from July 1st to 8th inclusive.

If just as convenient for you, this Office would prefer having the returns sent daily.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis, Actg Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon July 17th 1875.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Accounts of Ordinary Expenses of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for the month of June, 1875.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Actg Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 17th 1875.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has referred to this Office a communication from the State Department, with an enclosure from the Peruvian Minister, stating that the Dept. of Finance & Commerce of Peru desires to have three million pieces of copper coined, two millions to be of the value of two cents each, and the remaining million of one cent each, and as a guarantee of safety, it wished to have the coinage done at one of the Mints of the United States.

The Director of the Mint to whom I communicated the request of the Peruvian Minister, telegraphs me today, as follows:

"I am of the opinion that the copper coins for Peru can be prepared at the Philadelphia Mint without interfering with the silver coinage, and that the matter should be favorably considered."

Will you be kind enough to inform this Office, whether the work can be executed at your Mint, without interfering with the coinage of subsidiary silver coin.

An early reply is requested.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 19th 1875.

Sir:

In rendering your monthly accounts of Ordinary Expenses from and after the 1st inst, you will please enumerate under the head of "Balances on hand" the amounts belonging to each appropriation, Salaries, Wages of Workmen, & Contingent Expenses.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer &c
Boise City.

J. J. S. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office
Denver, Col.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

July 19th 1875.

Sir:

I have received your Bullion Accounts for the second Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 17th 1875.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has referred to this Office a communication from the State Department, with an enclosure from the Peruvian Minister, stating that the Dept. of Finance & Commerce of Peru desires to have three million pieces of copper coined, two millions to be of the value of two cents each, and the remaining million of one cent each, and as a guarantee of safety, it wished to have the coinage done at one of the Mints of the United States.

The Director of the Mint to whom I communicated the request of the Peruvian Minister, telegraphs me today, as follows:

"I am of the opinion that the copper coins for Peru can be prepared at the Philadelphia Mint without interfering with the silver coinage, and that the matter should be favorably considered."

Will you be kind enough to inform this Office, whether the work can be executed at your Mint, without interfering with the coinage of subsidiary silver coins.

An early reply is requested.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 19th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing Bills for the Draper Medal, has been received.

The Express package containing the medal also arrived this morning.

In your letter of the 8th inst. you stated the cost of the dies would be about $75. and I so informed Rear Admiral Davis.

At his request I return the medal Bill which he desires to be made out in duplicate to the "United States Transit of Venus Commission", receipted by you as Superintendent, not by Mr. Vogel, and the amount $55.00 stated in currency.

This course he tells me is rendered necessary by certain forms which have to be gone through with at the Navy Department.

Be kind enough to return the Bills as requested by mail tomorrow, as the Admiral will be here on Wednesday morning to receive them.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Mrs. Celia L. Miller

July 19th 1875.

Casnovia, Kent Co. Mich.

Madam.

Your letter of the 14th inst. covering a package to be examined for gold, is received.

The sample consists of sand, or decomposed rock, containing a little mica, but no gold nor anything of value.

Very respectfully

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Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons
Philadelphia Pa.

July 19th 1875.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to submit to this office the terms upon which you will furnish for the Mint of the U. S. San Francisco, 15 cases Chemically Pure Nitric Acid, to be shipped immediately upon receipt of order, and five cases on the first of each month hereafter until and including June 1st 1876.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Messrs. J. Mallinckrodt & Co.
St. Louis, Mo.

July 19th 1875.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to submit to this office, the terms upon which you will furnish for the Mint of the U. S. San Francisco, 15 cases Chemically Pure Nitric Acid, to be shipped immediately upon receipt of order, and five cases on the first of each month hereafter, until and including June 1st 1876.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

July 20th 1875.

Sir:

Your letters of the 8th & 10th inst. enclosing statements of unparted bars, shipped the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, are received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Act'g Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

July 20 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. enclosing Statement of Subsidiary silver coin exchanged for gold coins at par, during the month of June 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, Mint, U. S.
Denver,

July 20, 1875.

Sir:

As I am anxious to complete all the tables for the Annual Report by the time the Director returns to Washington, I have to request that you will forward all the yearly Statements of Deposits, Bars &c., at early as convenient.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 20th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department, for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense Accounts, for the month of June, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor.

July 20th 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the month of June, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 21st 1875.

Sir:

I have this day received your Account and Vouchers for disbursements made during the month of June 1875, in the construction of Refinery at your Mint.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 21st 1875.

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expense Account for June, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq. July 21/1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of June 1875, I have to call your attention to the following items contained in the Bill of Smith & Doll, Voucher #113, viz:

2 Leather Lounges	@ $45.00	$90.00
2 Office Chairs	@ $31.50	63.00
4 " "	@ $14.00	56.00
1 Book Case		40.00

As the prices paid for these articles appear to be high, you will be kind enough to furnish an explanation as to their cost.

I return herewith for your signature Warrant No. 102, and you will please return the same at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq. July 21/1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of this Dept. your Ordinary Expense Account for June, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st. Auditor

July 21st 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. for June, 1875.

The warrant belonging to Voucher No. 102, has been returned for correction and will be sent you as soon as it is received at this office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st. Auditor.

July 21st 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, for June, 1875.

Your attention is respectfully directed to an overpayment of eight cents in the settlement of the Bill of Rohrbeck & Goebeler for chemicals & chemical apparatus.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Albert Wolters, Esq. July 21st 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Departments for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Accounts for the month of June, 1875.

The attention of the Auditor has been called to an overpayment of eight cents in the bill of Rohrbeck & Goebeler for chemicals and chemical apparatus.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. Lafrange, Esq. July 21st 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your "Estimate of funds required for the month of July, 1875, for Refinery Construction", and referred the same to the Supervising Architect with the request that the amounts asked for ($10.000) be advanced you.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. July 21st 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have received your Account, abstracts and vouchers of Ordinary Expenditures during the month of June, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 22d. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday with enclosures from Messrs. DuBois and Booth relative to the unparted bars now being received from the Carson Mint.

The instructions given to Mr. Crawford, in making the purchase, were, to determine approximate value by chip assays, and to retain sufficient margin to cover variations in melt and assay at Philadelphia.

He was also instructed that final settlement would be made on melt and assay at your Mint.

Under these circumstances, you will perceive that no necessity exists for receiving the bars at a discount, as your Melter and Refiner will not be charged with the bullion on Carson assay, but upon melt and assay at your Mint, and your Bullion Fund will be credited with the amount of Gold and Silver contained, as determined in a like manner.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S. Carson, Nev.

July 22d. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst. enclosing Statements of unparted bars shipped the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia July 14th. & 15th. 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 22d. 1875.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I return for correction Vouchers #523 and #516, belonging to your Ordinary Expense account for the month of June, 1875, also, the account current & abstract of disbursements for Incidental Expenses.

Your attention is directed to an error in bringing forward the total amount under the head of "Porterage" in the bill of H. R. Linderman, Jr. for expenses. The items enumerated make a total of $12.50, while the amount brought forward is $14.50. There has probably been an omission of some item, and you will please correct the same.

In the bill of J. Morton & Co. for drayage the amounts on the bill do not correspond with the totals of the sub-vouchers attached. If the amounts paid for "Toll" are to be included in the bills, they should appear in the footings.

I have also to inform you of an overpayment of ten cents made to Thomas Scott, on the rolls of the Coiner's Department, for June. The total amount due him for 26 days service @ $3.20 per diem, should be $179.40, instead of $179.50.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, &c.
Philadelphia.

July 22d. 1875.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of 9th. inst. enclosing Requisition for dies for the San Francisco Mint I have this morning a Telegram from the Superintendent, in the following words:

"Have half dollar and dime dies ordered in letter of July first, prepared and forwarded immediately."

Be so kind as to inform this Office of the shipment of the dies.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 22d. 1875.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has this day been requested to cause the sum of $100.000. in subsidiary silver coin, to be transferred from your bullion fund to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation to be paid from "Silver Profit Fund."

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — July 22d. 1875.

Secretary Tr. Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the U. S., - the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint, from the "Silver Profit Fund" thereof.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Hon. H. R. Linderman — July 22d. 1875.

Director Tr. Mint.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter transmitted to the Secretary Tr. Treasury, entering a complaint against Frank D. Gross, an employé of the Mint, U. S. San Francisco.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Thomas G. Acton, Esq. — July 22d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st. inst. enclosing statement of bullion received from the Melter & Refiner in the settlement of his accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1875, is received.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis, Act'g Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 22d. 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to return to this Office at your earliest convenience the vouchers and statement of your Medal Fund A/c for the second Quarter, 1875, sent you for correction on the 16th. inst.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st. Auditor.

July 23d. 1875.

Sir:

Referring to a letter from this Office under date of the 17th. inst. requesting that the sum of $11.50 paid Frank Lavine, Carpenter on the rolls of the General Dept. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month of May, 1875, for 2 days services at $5.75 per diem, be disallowed, I have to inform you that I am in receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, under date of May 28th 1875, (a copy of which is herewith enclosed you) explaining the employment of Mr. Lavine, and I have to request that the same be allowed in the settlement of his accounts.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.

July 23. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of May 28" 1875, explaining the employment of Frank Savine as carpenter for 2 days (Sundays) during May, and have this day requested the auditor to allow the same in the settlement of your accounts.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.

July 23. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

In examining the pay-rolls of workmen employed on the Refinery construction at your Mint, for the month of June 1875, I find that Mr. J. D. Healy, Plumber, has been employed 4½ days and paid at the rate of $6.50 per diem. The books of this office do not show that the employment of Mr. Healey has been submitted for the approval of the Director. It is necessary that this should be done before the same can be allowed in your accounts.

I have also to call your attention to the amount of compensation paid Peter Witbeck, Carpenter, for 29½ days services at $4.00 per diem, $110.00. The proper amount should be $118.00.

I return herewith your pay-rolls for correction in this particular, also, your account current.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

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Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 23. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the reference to this Office of a letter from the Hon. Secretary of State, with enclosure from the Peruvian Minister accredited to this country asking that certain copper coins may be coined for the Peruvian Government at one of the Mints of the United States.

The Director of the Mint, with whom I communicated upon the subject, is of the opinion that the matter should be favorably considered, and the coinage executed at the Mint in Philadelphia. A copy of his telegram is herewith enclosed.

I also enclose copies of letters from the Superintendent and Operative Officers of the Philadelphia Mint, in answer to an inquiry from this Office, as to whether the work could be performed at that Institution, without interfering with the regular coinage operations.

It appears from the correspondence submitted, that the work could be expedited and less inconvenience occasioned if the blanks or planchets were prepared outside of the Mint, and if the matter receives favorable consideration, I would respectfully recommend the adoption of such a course, and the stamping of the planchets at the Mint in Philadelphia.

The letter of the Secretary of State, with enclosure, is herewith returned.

I am Sir, very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Act'g Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

July 23 - 1875.

Sir:

In order to enable this Office to know at all times the approximate amount of silver bullion actually purchased at the San Francisco Mint, you are instructed to report on the forms heretofore prescribed all deliveries to you of fine silver made on account of any contract for the sale of silver, as soon as the value of the same is ascertained.

In place of reporting the weight, fineness, and value of each bar, separately, you will report the aggregate weight and value of bars of the same fineness.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 28 - 1875.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday returning corrected statements of Medal Fund and Vouchers.

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Medal Fund &c for the second quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor.

July 23. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Medal Fund &c with vouchers of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the Second Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Thos. G. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

July 24. 1875.

Sir:

I have to call your attention to the first item in the bill of "Dixon's Crucible Co." Voucher No. 136, of your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of June, 1875.

You will perceive that it is under date of June 26. 1874, and consequently cannot be included in your accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875. As it is a small item it would be well for you to change the date to July 1. 1874.

I return the same for correction.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

July 24. 1875.

Half dollar and other dies sent by Express yesterday.

M. V. Davis, Act'g Director.

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James Crawford, Esq. July 24th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury dated 23d inst. informing this Office, that the U. S. Treasurer has been directed to cause the Bullion Fund of your Mint to be increased from $650.000. to $1.500.000. - an increase of $850,000. to be made in gold coin.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Actg Director.

A. C. Paquet, Esq. July 24th 1875.

Sir:

Frank Leslie, Esq. of New York has written to this Office for an impression of the Life Saving Medal of the 2d class, for publication.

If you have such an impression, and can forward it to this Office for his use, I will guarantee its safe return to you when he has done with it.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Actg Director.

James Crawford, Esq. July 24th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson City.

Sir:

I have received the Oath of Office of Sarah J. Mason, Ass't. Seamstress in your institution.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis, Actg Director.

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Frank Leslie, Esq.

July 24th 1875.

Sir:

I have yours of yesterday requesting a copy of the impression of the Life Saving medal of the 2d class.

I will endeavor to obtain a copy for you by the early part of next week, and forward for your use.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

C. H. La Grange, Esq.

July 24th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the oath of office of J. Percy Pease, Workman, in the General Dept. of your institution.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

C. H. La Grange, Esq.

July 24th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the oath of office of Mrs. Eliza L. Dodge, as adjuster in the Coiners Dept. of your institution.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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Hon. H. R. Linderman July 24th 1875.
Director Th Mint.

Sir:

I enclose for your information, a copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary from one J. R. Johnson, entering complaint against Frank D. Gross, of the San Francisco Mint.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Hon. H. R. Linderman July 24th 1875.
Director Th Mint.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 16th inst. I enclose herewith copies of letters from the files of this office, showing the disposition made of the Lemon Point Bullion, sent from the Carson Mint in the early part of the fiscal year, ended June 30th 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. July 24th 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the oath of office of A. E. Bovay, Abstract Clerk in the General Dept. of your institution.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 24th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, enclosing Gos current showing the amount of bullion delivered to and received from the Melter & Refiner during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Hon. James Pollock

July 26th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In order to expedite as much as possible the work of preparing the Carson bars for coinage, you are hereby instructed that each invoice may be regarded and treated as one number, and the comparison between the Carson and Philadelphia Mint assay made on the aggregate, not on each bar.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

James Crawford Esq.

June 26th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S. Carson.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19 inst. enclosing statements of operations for the month of June 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Act'g Director.

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M. G. Bonzano, Esq.

July 27th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst. enclosing certificate of Deposit for $6.00 the same being proceeds of brickbats and rubbish sold, is received.

Very respectfully
M. G. Davis
Act'g Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

July 27th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction as indicated in pencil, the following accounts current, belonging to your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending March 31st 1875, viz:

Profit & Loss Account,
Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss,
United States Bullion Fund, &
Summary Statement of operations for the quarter.

Your attention is respectfully called to the fact that the Bullion Fund of the Mints is composed of moneys which have actually been covered into the Treasury of the U. S. by warrant, and upon which the Treasurer of the U. S. is debited. It is necessary that instead of debiting your Profit & Loss Account with $67,530.88, and your Bullion Deposit Profit and Loss account with $74,339.12, as transferred to the U. S. Bullion Fund, that these amounts be debited in the respective accounts as transferred to the Treasury of the United States, and that your

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Bullion Fund be simply credited with the Proceeds of Transfer order No. 2525, for $141,870.00.

I also return herewith for the signature of the Assayer, Silver Assay Report, No. 32.

You are requested in future to cause Henry A. Brown, when receipting for deposits made by Wells Fargo & Co. to endorse the receipt and sign the Warrant as Agent or Attorney.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

July 27th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th inst. requesting that a draft be issued transferring from the Bullion Fund of your Office to that of the Mint at Philad'a "for $22,974.07/100; payable in 20.813.05 oz. Stand silver" is received, and in reply I would respectfully call your attention to the letter of this Office under date of January 19th 1875, in which it is stated that fine silver only will be sent from your Office to the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 27th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have received your communication of yesterday, returning corrected Voucher No. 136.

I have this day referred your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of June, to the Accounting Officers of the Department, for examination and settlement.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,

July 27th. 1875.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the A/c of Ordinary Expenditures of the Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month of June, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

C. H. Lalgrange, Esq.

July 28th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 20th. inst. returning duly signed Certificates #501 to #506 inclusive, belonging to your Ordinary A/c for May, and have referred the same to the First Auditor.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

July 28th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your Statements of operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1875.

In the Statement of bars prepared there seems to be a disagreement with the footings up of your monthly returns for the year as shown by the books of this office.

The aggregate of your monthly reports, is as follows:

Unparted Gold Bars	$83,376.61
Fine Silver " "	344.728.10
Unparted Silver "	798.821.70
Total for the year	$1.226.926.41

Be kind enough in sending the corrected report to make it out upon the blank form used in submitting your monthly Statements.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
First Auditor.

July, 28th 1875.

Sir:

I enclose herewith Certificates #501 to #506 inclusive belonging to the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month of May, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Telegram. H. R. Linderman — July 28th 1875.

Mint, San Francisco

Eighteen hundred and seventy three.

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — July 29th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson.

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to furnish this Office as early as convenient, with a Statement showing the amount of Subsidiary Silver coin issued in payment for silver contained in gold, and exchanged for gold coins at par, during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1875.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to

C. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

C. H. LaGrange, Esq. — July 29th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst. enclosing statement of purchase of 200.000. ounces of fine silver @ 1.24 cents per ounce, made under instructions of May 28th 1875, is received.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Actg Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

July 29th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have all your Annual Statements, with the exception of the following:

Coinage (pieces & value) for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1875.

Light Gold coin received, re-melted and recoined, and the loss on the same, for the same period.

My desire to complete the tables before the Director's return, is the cause of my again troubling you.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

July 29th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office New York, to that of the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia, of the sum of twenty-two thousand nine hundred and seventy four 07/100 dollars ($22.974.07) payable in 18,731.74 oz. fine silver bars.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 29th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In compliance with your request, I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of your Office to that of the U. S. Mint, Philadᵃ, of $22,974.07, payable in 18.731.74 oz. fine silver bars.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 29th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

As recommended in your communication of the 28th. inst. leave of absence for a period of three weeks from the 1st. prox. is hereby approved for Mr. Andrew Mason, Melter & Refiner of your institution.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

Charles G. Parry, Esq.

July 30th. 1875.

P. O. Box 2691.
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

By this day's mail I send to your address, as per request contained in your letter of the 27th. inst. a copy of the last annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 30th 1875.

Supt. Mint Phila U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the U. S.- the charges for the transportation of the same to be paid from "Silver Profit Fund".

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

July 30th 1875.

Secretary Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred Thousand dollars ($100.000.) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia, to the Treasurer of the U. S., the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from the "Silver Profit Fund" thereof.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 30th 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to send me by return mail, one Trade Dollar, with bill for the same.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Act'g Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 31st

Sir:

I return herewith for the signature of the Superintendant your Requisition for funds for the month of August. 1875. enclosed in your communication of yesterday.

Very respectfully
M V. Davis
Acting Director

July 31st 1875

Sir:

You are requested to render and transmit to this Office your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of June. 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director

Jas. Crawford Esq.
Supt Mint of the U. S.
Carson, Nev.

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July 31st 1875

Gentlemen;

You will please ship at through freight rates in accordance with the terms stated in your letter of the 20th instant fifteen (15) cases chemically Pure nitric acid to the mint of the U. S. at San Francisco Cal; and forward in duplicate your bill accompanied by Bill of Lading. to this Office for payment.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

Messrs Rosengarten & Sons
Philadelphia Pa.

July 31st 1875

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday enclosing Statement of medal dies prepared during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1875.

In regard to the Statement of Recoinage handed to Mr Leech it is simply a statement of the Re-coinage a/c, and does not show the loss in Melting &c&c. If you will be kind enough to refer to page 7 of the Director's report for the fiscal year ended June 30th you will see exactly the form of the statement required I think it is usually made out by Mr Cochran

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director,

Hon. James Pollock
Supt Mint U S.
Philadelphia.

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August 2nd 1875

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant acknowledging the receipt of the blank forms adopted for deposits of Gold & Silver bullion is received.

After calling the attention of this Office to your letter of June 1st 1875. wherein your objections to the forms adopted are stated. You state that the forms received "are not suited for the requirements" of your Mint, and that you have directed the continuations of those now in use."

The addition of a column for "Iridium" and one for Total amount of Warrant paid" as suggested by you, were duly considered, and the conclusion arrived at, was that no necessity for either of the proposed colums existed, for the following reasons. Viz.

The amount contained, or rather the allowance made for "Iridium" in a deposit is shown by the Report of the Assayer, and being a matter with which the Superintendent is not charged in his accounts, ~~and~~ the only possible way in which it can enter with his accounts, is when the Melter and Refiner in his operations recovers during the fiscal year "Iridium" in excess of the aggregate amount of allowance or deduction made by the Assayer for the same, in which case the Melter & Refiner is credited with the excess returned, and to reimburse the Bullion Fund, for the loss, the Bullion Deposit Profit & loss account of the Superintendent is debited with the amount. In regard to the addition of a column for "Total Amount of Warrant paid" I would simply state that the net value column of deposits shows this.

You recommend that the Column for "Trade Dollars" in the form for Deposits of Gold bullion, "be omitted for the reason that the

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same is provided for in the form for deposits of Silver bullion". Under the construction of the 28th Section of the coinage act of 1873. by the Director of the mint, the depositor of gold containing Silver, (that is a deposit in which the gold predominates both in value and weight) has the right to elect whether he will accept payment for the Silver contained in gold coin at the per-standard ounce as fixed by the Director of the mint or in Trade Dollars, therefore you will easily see the necessity that exists for this Column

It is the desire, and intention of this Office to make the forms used, as well as the accounts of the mints as uniforme as possible, and it is confidently expected that when a blank form to be used is adopted in accordance with the 4th Section of the coinage act of 1873 to which your attention is respectfully called, that the Superintendents of the mints and Assay Offices, will at least give such forms a trial before deciding that they are "not suited to the requirements of this Institution."

These forms are now in succesful use at the mint Philadelphia, and the Assay Office New-York, and it is expected that they will be used at your mint.

With proper care there is no difficulty in taking prfs copies of the same.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

O. H. La Grange Esqr
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco
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August 2nd 1875

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st ultimo enclosing copy of advertisement for Proposals to furnish wood and coal, and in explanation of certain items for printing blanks, and debited by you in your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of June 1875. is received.

Very Respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Albert Wolters Esqr.
Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office Boise City.
Idaho.

August 2nd 1875.

Sir:

Your letters of the 26th ultimo enclosing Warrant No 102. properly signed, and in explanation of cost of furniture charged in voucher 113 belonging to your a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for the month of June 1875, are received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer Esqr.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint,
Denver.
Colorado.

August 2nd 1875

Telegram

Superintendent Assay-Office New York.
The Assay Office will be closed tomorrow.

M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Col. Gookrales.
M. V. D.

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Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the mint.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Asst. Treasurer at Boston to the Treasurer U. S., in relation to the defective coinage of certain Half Dollar coins received from the San Francisco mint.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

August 2nd 1875

Sir:

I am in receipt of your Annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1875.

Will you be kind enough to send a statement, on the regular printed form, showing the localities from whence the deposits were derived.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis. Acting Director.

J. T. L. Schumer Esqr.
Assayer in charge U. S Mint
Denver. Col.

August 2d 1875

Sir:

I have obtained from Mr. Paquet, the engraver of the Dies, an impression of each of the Life-Saving medals which I forward to day by Express, with the request that you will have proper care taken to prevent injury to the faces of the medals, and that they be returned to this Office, when you have done with them. I regret I was not able to obtain the impressions so that you could have retained them in Your Office.

Very truly,
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

Frank Leslie Esqr.

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August 2nd 1875

Sir;

I enclose herewith the sum two dollars ($2.00) in currency, for which I will thank you to send me by mail, one Proof-trade Dollar 1875; and two proof 20¢ pieces, if insufficient-please advise me, and I will remit by mail.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendant &c
Philadelphia. Pa.

August 2nd 1875

Sir;

Will you be kind enough to inform this Office by return mail, how long your mint will be employed in parting the Doré Silver recently transferd from Carson. The information has been asked for by the Director in order to make arrangements for future refining Operations.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis Acting Director.

Hon James Pollock.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia. Pa.

August 2nd 1875

Sir;

Will you be kind enough to inform me by return mail how long your Office will be employed in parting the Doré Silver recently transferred from San Francisco. The information has been asked for by the Director in order to make arrangements for future refining operations.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis Acting Director

Thomas C. Acton Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office New York

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August 4th 1875

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th ultimo enclosing the following statements pertaining to the annual settlement at your mint is received.

1st Memorandum of Operative Officers settlements.
2nd Liquidation of balances in Bullion Fund.
3rd Treasury U.S. in a/c with the mint.
4th Bullion Fund balance sheet.
5th Special purchase of refined Silver.
6th Statement of Bullion shipped N.Y. assay Office
7th Bullion in Superintendents Vault.
8th Increase of and disbursements from the Bullion Fund on a/c silver purchased.

Very respectfully
M. R. Davis Acting Director

O. H. La Grange Esqr
Supt Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco.

August 4th. 1875.

Sir:

In order to enable this Office to know at all times the approximate amount of Silver bullion actually purchased at your mint. You are instructed to report all deliveries to you, made on account of any contract for the sale of Silver to the Government. as soon as the value of the same is ascertained by mint Assay.

Very respectfully,
M. R. Davis. Act. Director.

James Crawford Esqr
Superintendent Mint U.S.
Carson, Nevada.

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August 4th 1875

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 2d instant informing me that leave of absence for the space of one week commencing from the 29th ultimo has been granted to Mr Barber Engraver of your institution, and of the appointment of Mr Charles E Barber as Acting Engraver for that space of time. Your action is duly approved.

Very respectfully,
M. C. Davis, Acting Director

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent &c
Philadelphia. Pa

August 4th 1875

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, returning your requisition for funds for the current expenses of your institution, for the month of August instant. and have duly referred the same to the warrant Division with the request that it be made special

I am, sir, very respectfully,
M. C. Davis.
Acting Director.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent &c
Philadelphia. Pa.

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Hon James Pollock.

Supt Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

August 4th 1875

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of One hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in divisionary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the United States. The charges for transportation to be paid from "Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully,
M. C. Davis,
Acting Director.

Hon B. H. Bristow,

Secretary of the Treasury

August 4th 1875

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of One hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in Divisionary Silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the mint from the Silver Profit Fund thereof.

Very respectfully,
M. C. Davis,
Acting Director.

His Excellency,

Hon. L. F. Grover.

Governor of Oregon

August 4th 1875

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23rd ult., giving statistics relative to the production of precious metals in the State of Oregon.

Very respectfully,
M. C. Davis
Acting Director

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Thomas O. Acton Esqr. — August 5th 1875

Superintendent U S Assay Office
New-York

Sir:

I have yours of yesterday, in relation to the time it will take your Office to complete the parting of the Doré Bullion. The information was asked for by the Director in order to make purchases if necessary, while he was in San Francisco. A copy of your letter has been sent to him.

Very respectfully
M. C. Davis.
Acting Director

Hon. H. R. Linderman. — August 5th 1875

Mint San Francisco

New York will not complete parting of last Doré Bullion until December, unless they work overwork, and large melting pots prove successful. The first melting and assays will be completed by tenth instant, so that values can be determined. Philadelphia will be through with last purchase by middle of Sept. if not sooner. Letters of Superintendents mailed to day

M. C. Davis
Acting Director

Hon James Pollock. — August 5th 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia,

Sir:

Your reports of coinage and light gold coin received during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1875 have been received. All your annual statements are in now, Excepting the Earnings and Expenditures, and which I presume cannot be forwarded until the bills incurred up to the end of the fiscal year have all been paid. There is no particular hurry for that Report. Very respectfully,
M. C. Davis.

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Telegram

Superintendent. Mint Carson, Nevada. August 5th 1875

mailed to day.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock, August 5th 1875

Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 2d inst. in relation to the Metis and Horn medals. The Metis medals when completed will be forwarded to this Office, with the Bill made out against the United States. The list of names of the ten persons who are to receive the medals. Was sent you on the 17th of May last in order that you might have them engraved upon the medals before forwarding.

The Wax impression sent on the 2d instant has been examined and found to agree with the designs and subsequent modifications approved by the Director Feby. 27th. 1875. There should be a copy in bronze struck for the Cabinet of this Office of both the Metis and Horn medals. Also one copy in copper-bronzed of the Metis medal for a Mr. Lombat, of Paris, who is writing a history of American medals. As the dies however will be in your possession, these can be struck off at any time.

In regard to the Horn medal when completed, be kind enough to forward it to this Office with the Bill made out against the United States. I would be very much obliged if you would let me know a few days in advance of its completion as to the exact time I may expect it, so that I can notify Mr Fields of Detroit.

The Director would like to have both Medals published in the Graphic or Frank-Leslie's, and I would thank you to forward in White or Soft metal impressions of both.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Thomas C. Acton Esqr.

August 5th 1875

Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the Expenses of your Office for the current month, has been approved for the sum of $13.000 from the following appropriations.

For Salaries	—	$ 3.000
" Wages of Workmen	—	" 6.000
" Contingent Expenses	—	" 4.000
		$ 13.000

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Thomas C. Acton Esqr.

August 5th 1875

Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th instant Enclosing account current of your Bullion Fund is received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Hon H. R. Linderman

August 5th 1875

Director of the Mint

Sir:

I enclose copies of letters from Supts. Pollock and Acton in answer to a request from this Office, asking how long it would take to part the Doré Bullion now at their respective Institutions.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director,

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D. W. Mahon Esqr.

1st Auditor

August 6th 1875

Sir:

I transmit herewith for settlement the Ordinary Expenses account of Thomas C. Acton, Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York, for the month of July 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. E. Davis,
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco, Calif.

August 6th 1875

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully called to Section 3570 Revised Statutes of the U. S. declaring the weight of the gram as equal to 15.432 grains troy, at which rate an ounce of standard silver will produce in Subsidiary Silver coin $124.4168, or 803.75 Ozs. $1.000 and which rate should form the basis of your calculations of Silver Values per standard ounce in Subsidiary coin instead of $1.24.414 as used by you in making up your Silver bullion accounts.

Very respectfully,
M. E. Davis,
Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon Esqr.

1st Auditor of the Treasury.

August 6th 1875

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Supplemental Ordinary Expenses account of Thomas C. Acton, Superintendant U. S. Assay Office New York for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. E. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Thomas C. Acton Esqr.

August 6th 1875

Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of July 1875, and your Supplemental account of Ordinary Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875. are received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

C. J. Cowles Esqr.

August 6th 1875

Late Assayer U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte N.C.

Sir:

In order to close your Bullion accounts upon the books of the Treasury, I have to request that you will deposit to the credit of the Treasurer of the United S. with the nearest Designated Depository, the sum of one dollar and seventy five cts. in currency, being amount of charges on deposits collected by you from July 1st to August 13th 1874. You will please transmit certificate of deposit to this Office.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Hon B. H. Bristow

August 7th 1875

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that a copyist be detailed for duty in this Office during the temporary leave of absence granted to Miss M. S. Laughton.

I have the honor to be Sir
Very respectfully
M. V. Davis.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia

August 7th 1875

Sir:

I enclose herewith bill in duplicate of E. B. Elliott for expenses incurred as a member of the assay commission of Feby. 13. 1875.

Will you be kind enough to send draft to this Office for the amount of $38.25.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt Mint U.S.

Philadelphia

August 7th 1875

Sir.

Will you be kind enough to strike an impression of the Draper Medal in soft metal, and send it to Frank Leslie 537 Pearl st. New York.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

August 7th 1875

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 3rd instant requesting a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875.

I have to inform you that the Report is not yet published. Your letter will be placed on file, and when completed, the Report will be duly forwarded to your address.

I am sir very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

John S. Anderson A.M.
P. Box. 1619
New York City N.Y.

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Frank Leslie Esqr.
537 Pearl St.
New York.

August 7th 1875

Sir,

I have your letter of the 3d inst. addressed to Philadelphia Mint, asking for a copy of the Draper medal, and have requested the Supt. at Philadelphia, who has the dies in his possession, to send you an impression of the medal.

I hope to be able in a short time to send you copies of the Metis and Horn medals. Horn is the man who has saved 121. persons from drowning in the Detroit River.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Lorin Blodgett Esqr.
Appraiser &c.
Custom House,
Philadelphia. Pa.

August 7th 1875

Sir,

Agreeable to the request contained in your letter of the 6th instant. I have mailed to your address this day, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the years 1873-4.

I am sir, very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Telegram

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Mint San Francisco.

August 7th 1875

Transfer made. Amount will be remitted in a few days.

M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow. August 7th 1875

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Be pleased to issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in favor of O. H. La Grange, Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco Calª for the sum of two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars ($2.350.) payable from the appropriation for contingent Expenses of said Mint for the fiscal year Ending June 30 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Telegram Hon. H. R. Linderman August 7th 1875

Mint San Francisco.

Pollock construes Regulation requiring mint Employees to remain till four o'clock to apply to assayer's clerks, whose work is through at three. What is your construction? Can Eckfeldt be detailed to assist at Philadelphia during temporary absence of assayer, and Philadelphia contingent bear his expenses? Answer so that I can use it.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director

O. H. La Grange Esqr. August 9th 1875

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco, Calª

Sir:

I return herewith for your signature list of unpaid Warrants for June 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

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D. W. Mahon Esqr.
1st Auditor.

August 9th 1875

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and adjustment the Ordinary Expenses account of O. H. LaGrange Superintendent mint San Francisco for the month of June 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Hon B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury

August 9th 1875

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the mint from the "Silver Profit Fund" thereof.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

M. F. Bonzano Esqr
Supt. mint of the U. S. New Orleans

August 9th 1875

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your mint for the month of August 1875 has been approved for the sum of $543.10 from the following appropriations - viz.

Salaries	1876	$294.80
Wages of Workmen		" 248.30
Total		$543.10

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis

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M. F. Bonzano Esqr.

August 9th 1875

Supt. Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans. La.

Sir:

Your accounts of Ordinary Expenses for the months of June and July 1875 are recieved.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

August 9th 1875.

Supt Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ultimo returning your account current of Ordinary Expenses for the month of June 1875 and vouches Nos 576 & 523 belonging to the same is received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock.

August 9th 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia,

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of Treasury to cause the sum of One hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation to be paid from Silver Profits.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Superintendent &c
Philadelphia. Pa

August 9th 1875

Sir:

By this days mail I send you certain Blank forms, together with a circular letter from the Secretary of the Treasury Explanatory of the same, which you will please fill up and forward to this Office at your earliest convenience

I am sir, very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

Similar letters addressed to

Thos. C Acton Esqr.
Supt. U. S Assay Office
New York

O. H. La Grange Esqr
Superintendant &c
San Francisco. Cal.

James Crawford Esqr.
Superintendant &c
Carson City. Nev.

J. F. L Schirmer Esqr
Assayer &c
Denver, Col.

Albert Wolters Esqr.
Assayer &c
Boise City, Idaho.

M. F. Bronyaro Esqr.
Superintendent &c
New Orleans.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.
Supt Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco, Cala.

August 9th 1875

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th instant enclosing certificate of deposits for $53.584.17 in gold coin on account of Earnings, and for $64.948.98 in Subsidiary Silver coins on account of Profits on Silver, during the fiscal year ending June 30. 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director

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Hon James Pollock,
Supt Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

August 9th 1875

Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th instant in relation to the Metis Medals. The Director's letter of 17th of May last, a copy of which is herewith Enclosed, contained full instructions as to the metal in which the medals were to be struck, the list of names, and the amount available for the payment of the cost of the medals and cases.

I regret I cannot send you a copy of the names, the Director having locked the list up in his desk before leaving. Nor can I tell whether there is any difference between the list last sent you, and the one contained in the letter of Feby. 13th

The last list sent you, was the one by which you will be guided in engraving the names. and if you have the Director's letter of May 17th the list should be contained therein.

Will you be kind enough to inform me if you have the letter referred to.

Very Respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

August 9th 1875

Gentlemen;

On the 31st ultimo a letter was addressed you by this Office, requesting you to ship to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco fifteen (15) cases chemically Pure Nitric acid at the price stated in your letter of the 20th July

I will thank you to inform me at your earliest convenience when you will be able to ship the acid, as it is needed very much by the Mint.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

Messrs Rosengarten & Sons,
Philadelphia. Pa.

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Messrs Rosengarten & Sons.
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 18th 1875

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 9th instant enclosing your bill in duplicate and Bill Lading for four cases Chemically Pure Nitric acid shipped to the U.S. Mint San Francisco is received. Your account has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, and in the course of a few days a draft will be sent you for the amount $72.48^{55}

I have to request that you will ship the balance of the 15 cases as early as practicable, and that you will ship on the first of each month five cases, until otherwise instructed, sending your bills for the same, accompanied by Bill of Lading to this Office for payment.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco. Calo

August 18th 1875

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate bill and Bill Lading for four cases chemically Pure Nitric Acid shipped on the 5th instant by Messrs Rosengarten & Sons Philadelphia. I have approved and referred this bill to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment of the amount $72.48^{55} to be made from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint. I also transmit for your information a copy of a letter from Messrs Rosengarten, and would add that instruction have been given them to ship you five cases of Acid on the first of every month, until otherwise instructed by this Office.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Philadelphia. Pa.

August 10th 1875

Sir:

It was an oversight on my part in not approving Mr. Elliott's bills, which I return herewith.

Be kind enough to send the money by Express, as suggested in your letter.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer Engr.

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

August 10th 1875

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letters of the 4th inst, enclosing annual Estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, and monthly Reports for July 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Thos. R. Acton Engr.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New-York.

August 10th 1875

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing account current of your Bullion Fund, and vouchers for the transfer of $22.974.07 is received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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D. W. Mahon Esqr.

August 11th 1875.

1st Auditor of the Treasury,

Sir.

I transmit herewith for examination, and settlement, the Ordinary Expenses accounts of M. F. Bonzano, Supt. of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, for the months of June & July 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

August 11th 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco.

Sir.

I will thank you to forward to this Office without delay, a detailed statement of loss on abraided coins recoined, accompanied by proper vouchers in order that your Bullion Fund may be reimbursed, for the same from the appropriation for that purpose, as it is not a proper charge against that Fund, or Profit & Loss account.

Very respectfully.
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon Esqr.

August 11th 1875.

1st Auditor,

Sir.

I transmit herewith for settlement the Bullion accounts of Albert Hollins assayer in charge U.S. Assay Office at Boise City Idaho, for the quarter ending June 30th 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

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Hon. James Pollock.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

Philadelphia.

August 11th 1875

Sir:

Yours of the 9th inst. stating that you had not received the Director's letter of May 17th in relation to the Metis medals, is at hand. The letter may have gone to some other Mint, Still sufficient time has elapsed to have allowed its return to this Office.

Acting on your suggestion, I have addressed a letter to G. M. Pendleton Esqr of Westerly, R. I. asking for a correct list of the names, and which I will forward to you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

Supt Mint of the U. S.

Carson, Nevada.

August 11th 1875

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint for the current month has been approved for the sum of $19.050.00 from the following appropriations. Viz.

Salaries	1876	$2.050.00
Wages	"	9.000.00
Contingent Expenses	"	8.000.00
	Total	19.050.00

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

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J. K. Pendleton Esqr.

Westerly. R. I.

August 11th 1875

Sir:

The Metis Medals are nearly completed, with the exception of the Engraving of the names. Will you be kind enough to send a list of the names in full to this Office, or inform me whether the names are given correctly in the following list.

Captain Jared S Crandall.
Albert Crandall.
Daniel F. Larkin.
Frank Larkin.
Byron Green.
John D. Harvey.
Courtland Lovitt.
Eugene Nash.
Edwin Nash.
William Nash.

An early answer will oblige.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon Esqr.
1st Auditor.

August 12th 1875

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expenses accounts of Albert Wollers Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho, for the Month of July 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Hon James Pollock

Supt Mint U.S.

Philadelphia

August 12th 1875

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 10th instant, no more transfers of Subsidiary Silver Coin from your Mint to the U.S. Treasury will be ordered until advised by you of an accumulation of coin.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

A. Wolters Esqr

Assayer in charge U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

August 12th 1875

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the Expenses of your Office for the current month has been approved for the sum of $630.93 dls from the following appropriations viz.

For Salaries	1876	$421.20
" Wages of Workmen	"	" 126.40
" Contingent Expenses	"	" 83.33
	Total	630.93

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

Philadelphia

August 12th 1875

Sir:

Your account of ordinary Expenses for the month of July 1875 is received

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

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A. Wolters Esqr.

August 12th 1875

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the Month of July 1875 is received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Hon Jas. Pollock

Aug. 12th 1875

Supt Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have yours of yesterday returning Bill of E. B. Elliott, and forwarding blank warrant for his signature. Mr Elliott signed a warrant the day I forwarded the Bills, and I am under the impression it was enclosed in the letter forwarded to you on the 7th instant.

The discrepancy in the Hotel Bill arises from the fact that the Department will not allow over $5. per day for expenses. $15.75 is all he is entitled to. The bill being over that amount, makes no difference in the settlement of the accounts.

It is not absolutely required that the duplicate bill should be sworn to, In the accounts of the Treasury Department proper, and in rendering bills in this Office, but one bill is required.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director,

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Prof. J. F. L. Schirmer,

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint.

Denver, Col.

August 12th 1875

Sir:

The only Statement I am waiting for in order to complete the Tables for the annual Report, is that of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production, received at your mint during the fiscal year ended June 30. 1875.

Will you be kind enough to forward it.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Philadelphia.

Aug. 12th 1875

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from Rear Admiral Davis asking for seven copies of the Draper Medal, struck in bronze. Will you be kind enough to have the same prepared and forwarded with the bill to this Office.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt Mint. U.S.

San Francisco.

August 13th 1875

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds, for the month of August, are approved by the Director of the Mint for the following amounts, viz: —

Salaries	— —	1876	— — — $2.165.00
Wages	— — —	"	— — — " 26.000.00
Contingent Expenses	— "		— — — " 12.000.00
			$40.165.00

has been received and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

A. L. Snowden Esqr.

Coiner Mint. U.S.

Philadelphia.

Aug. 13th 1875

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday, in relation to the Metis Medals. and the appropriation for the same.

As far as the appropriations is concerned, it makes no difference whether the medals are worth $140, in gold or currency, as the appropriation is available either in gold or currency. and as you say the medals will be more handsome, if made to contain about $140. in gold, you had better make them not to exceed that amount.

The balance $25.25 will be used for the cases, as instructed in the Director's letter of May 17th 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

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Jas. Crawford Esqr.

Aug. 13th 1875

Supt Mint. U.S.

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your telegram of the 12th instant. I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the U.S. the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by you from "Silver Profit Fund"

Very respectfully.
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

Hon. B. H. Bruston,

Aug. 13th 1875

Secretary the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U.S. at Carson Nevada to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same, to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint, from the "Silver Profit Fund" thereof.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock.

Aug. 14th 1875

Supt Mint. U.S. Philadelphia.

Sir.

Your letter of the 13th instant enclosing certificate of deposit for $14.75 being proceeds of old materials sold, is received.

Very respectfully.
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

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O. H. L. Grange Esqr.

Supt. Mint U.S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Aug. 14th 1875

Sir,

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day is hereby made official.

"Comptroller declines to recommend advance on August requisition until accounts covering amounts heretofore, advanced have been received. This difficulty will constantly occur unless your Bond is increased." In connection with this Subject permit me to say, that the same difficulty obtains in regard to the transfer of $2.350. from the new Mint appropriations to that of contingent Expences for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1875.

The way your accounts now stand with the Department, is as follows,- as shown by the Register's and Comptroller's Books.

Balance due U.S. Mch. 31. 1875.	—	$5.943.72
Advances since		" 121.763.44
		127.707.16
Forward	—	127.707.16
Vouchers on hand	—	70.515.30
		57.191.86
Bond	— —	40.000
Excess	— —	17.191.86
add transfer	— —	2.350.00
add August requisition	—	40.165.
Total Excess.		$59.706.86

Under these circumstances it is impossible for us to push your requisitions through the Department as the Comptroller will make no advance over the amount of your Bond.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis

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E. Barrington Esqr.

915 So. 13th St

Philadelphia. Pa.

Aug. 14th 1875

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday in relation to a Latin Work on coins and medals.

Be kind enough to forward it, and if found to be of value, this Office will purchase it.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis.

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

Philadelphia.

Aug. 14th 1875

Sir:

Your letter in relation to $38.25, amount of E. B. Elliott's bill, together with Express package, containing the money, have been duly received, and the amount handed to Mr. Elliott.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt Mint. U. S.

Philadelphia. Pa.

August 14th 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made Official.

"Can you arrive at an exact time as to how long present supply of silver for subsidiary silver coinage will last, and when you would be prepared for another purchase of unparted bars"

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis.

Acting Director

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J. F. L. Schirmer Esqr.,

Aug. 14th 1875

Assay in charge U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your requisitions for funds to meet the expenses of your Office for the current month has been approved for the sum of $2.538.00 from the following appropriations, viz.

Salaries — — —	1876 — — —	$87600
Wages Workmen — —	" — —	1412.00
Contingent Expenses —	" — —	25000
	Total.	2.538.00

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendant Mint.

Aug. 14th 1875

San Francisco.

Comtroller declines to recommend advance on August requisition until accounts covering amounts heretofore advanced, have been received. This difficulty will constantly occur unless your Bond is increased.

M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendant Mint.

August 14th 1875

Philadelphia.

Can you arrive at an exact time as to how long present supply of silver for subsidiary silver coinage will last, and when you would be prepared for another purchase of unparted bars. Forever.

M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

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Hon Jas. Pollock.

Aug. 14th 1875

Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Office as soon as the value of the Doré or unparted bullion sent your Mint for separation is ascertained, a detailed statement of the same in order that final settlement may be made with the parties from whom the bullion was purchased, and that the draft transfering the amount from the bullion fund of the Carson Mint, to that of the Philadelphia Mint may be issued.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Telegram

H. R. Linderman.

Aug. 14th 1875

Mint San Francisco.

Philadelphia will not be through present lot of Silver before middle of September.

Coinage for August up to date, one hundred and eighty nine thousand, fractional coin. Acton purchasing small lots at one twenty three.

M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendant Mint.

Aug. 16th 1875

San Francisco.

July accounts received, and Requisition forwarded approved.

M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Miss M. S. Laighton.

Portsmouth. N. H.

Aug. 16th 1875.

I enclose herewith Draft no. 26 398, drawn by Thomas Hobbs, in your favor for Forty Dollars, also two communications to your address. Please acknowledge. Hoping you are having a pleasant time,

I am very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Aug. 16th 1875

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made Official.

"July accounts received, and Requisition forwarded approved"

In my letter of the 14th instant I stated the excess (counting in your August requisition) over and above your Bond to be $59.706.86.

I learn to day that the above was a mistake, occasioned by the Auditor's clerks not taking up your June vouchers, and giving you credit for the amount expended. The mistake was discovered by this Office this morning, and your July accounts coming to hand, the Requisition was forwarded to the proper Department, and a draft will issue in a day or two.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

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H. C. Hickok Esqr.

Aug. 16th 1875.

Actg. Supt Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter received from Mr. Pendleton of Westerly R. I. in answer to an inquiry from this Office as to the correct names of the parties who are to receive the Metis Medals.

In engraving the names upon the medals, you will be guided by the list presented in Mr Pendleton's letter, and return the letter to this Office when through with it.

In connection with this subject, I desire to say that it is the Express Wish of the Director that copies of the Metis and Horn Medals be struck in soft metal, and sent to this Office, in order that they may be published in one of the illustrated papers.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

Thomas C. Acton Esqr.

Aug. 16th 1875.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office.
New York

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th instant giving a general statement of the result of second purchase of Dore silver is received. I will thank you to forward a detailed statement as early as practicable.

Very respectfully.
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

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R. W. Taylor Esqr.

Aug. 16th 1875

First Comptroller of the
Treasury.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the official Bond of Levi Dagne, as coiner of the Mint of the United States at Carson, Nevada for file in your Office.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

Miss H. B. Cummings.

Aug. 16th 1875

Bellevue. Huron Co.
Ohio.

Your letter of the 12th inst. making application for a position in the Mint, U. S. Philadelphia, has been received, and placed of file. The appointing power is lodged with the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint, subject to the approval of this Office. The Director cannot appoint, or ask for appointments.

Your application will be retained in this Office, until the return of the Director from California in September next.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Aug. 16th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco, Calª.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of July 1875 is received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

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Telegram

H. C. Hickok. Actg. Superintendant,

Aug. 17th 1875.

Mint. Philadelphia.

Strike impressions in bronze as suggested in your telegram.

M. V. Davis.

Acting Director.

H. C. Hickok Esqr.

Aug. 17th 1875.

Actg. Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed please find a Half Eagle of 1873. Can you oblige me by sending a bright one of 1875. intended as a present on a child's birth-day.

Respectfully Yours,

M. V. Davis.

Acting Director.

O. H. L'Grange Esqr.

Aug. 17th 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate bill and Bill Lading for 3 cases Chemically Pure Nitric Acid, shipped you by Messrs Rosengarten & Sons, whose bill has been approved, and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment of the amount ($57.21) to be made from the appropriation for contingent Expenses U. S. Mint San Francisco for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully.

M. V. Davis.

Acting Director.

Telegram

M. F. Bonzano,

Aug. 17th 1875.

Mint Philadelphia.

It is not necessary to come here.

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

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H. C. Hickok Esqr.

Aug. 17th 1875

Acting Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official.

"Strike impressions as suggested in your telegram"

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

H. C. Hickok Esqr.

Aug. 17th 1875

Actg. Supt Mint.
Philadelphia

Sir:

I return herewith two dollars and eighty cents ($2.80), in payment for seven bronze Draper medals, and also vouchers signed, received in your letter of the 14th instant.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

Rear Admiral C. H. Davis.

Aug. 17th 1875

U. S. Naval Observatory.

Sir:

I send herewith, seven bronze Draper medals, together with the Bill, which I have paid. Be kind enough to send the amount $2.80 by bearer.

I am very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Mrs. Emily D. Burnett.

Aug. 17th 1875

Dear Madam,

I have yours of the 15th instant. Enclosed please Draft no. 26400, drawn by Thomas Hobbs in your favor for Fifty Dollars. Consolidated Virginia is now quoted at 328 — the highest it reached in July was 341 — the latest quotation is August — 13th $328.

Hoping you are having a glorious time, and that "Old Sol" is sending his glances, instead of the "Storm King" his frowns,

I am very truly,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Messrs Rosengarten & Sons.

Aug. 17th 1875

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 14th instant enclosing in duplicate your bill and B/L for three (3) cases chemically Pure Nitric Acid shipped to the U. S Mint at San Francisco is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in the course of a few days a draft will be sent you for the amount. $57.21.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

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S. R. Heller Esqr.

Aug 17th 1875.

Care Gorham Mfg. Co.
Providence,
R. I.

Sir:

I have this day shipped to you, in good order, per Adam's Ex. four plaster medallions, and one steel die, in reply to request contained in your letter of the 16th instant.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Aug. 18th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this Office without delay with an estimate of the quantity of Corrosive Sublimate that will be required by your Mint during the current fiscal year.

You are also requested to furnish an estimate in which you will state the numbers of each number of Crucibles and Covers, and the number and sizes of Dipping Cups and stands, that will be required for the same period.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendant Mint.

Aug. 18th 1875.

Carson, Nevada.

State lowest rate at which you can purchase unparted bars.

M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Frank Leslie Esqr.

537 Pearl St. New York.

Aug. 18th 1875

Sir.

I send by to day's Express, bronze impressions of the Metis and Horn Medals. The Metis Medals were designed by Herman Faber of Philadelphia and will contain about $140 in Gold. The Horn Medal was designed by Dr. Linderman, and the dies of both medals were engraved at the Mint in Philadelphia. The Horn Medal will contain about $80 in Gold. It was voted to him by the 43rd Congress. I send a copy of a letter from Mr. Horn to Mr. Field, which was obtained for the purpose of determining the value and character of the medal to be presented. A public presentation at Detroit is a part of the programme.

I also enclose a photograph of Dr. Linderman, and a short sketch of his services. I would like to have the photograph published, if not too much trouble, and as much of the sketch as you see proper.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Aug. 18th 1875

Sir.

Your letter of the 17th instant enclosing statement of discrepancies in San Francisco Invoices of Dore Silver second Purchase is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

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John Ott Engr.

Aug. 18th 1875

Secty. Southern Fertilizing Co.
Richmond, Va.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday, making certain inquiries as to the production of the precious metals in the United States, the imports and exports, and the Eastern Shipments

The most reliable data, gives the production of Gold and Silver from 1865, to 1874, inclusive, as $654,700,000, or $457,450,000 in Gold and 197,250,000 in Silver The highest gold production in the period mentioned, was in the year 1866, amounting to $53,500,000. Since that time it has steadily decreased, the Estimates for 1874, giving the production at $36,000,000. The maximum of the California yield $65,000,000, was reached in 1853.

But while the production of gold has decreased, that of silver has steadily increased since the discoveries on the Comstock, Commencing in 1861, with an annual product of about $2,000,000, the outturn from the base metal region of Nevada, had reached at the end of 1874, $25,000,000, and with the recent discoveries in the Comstock Mines, this years production will be at least $35,000,000.

It is estimated that the bullion product of the U. S. for 1875, will be about $85,000,000, and for 1876 $100,000,000.

I regret I cannot give you the imports and Exports, amounts shipped to the East &c. That information can only be obtained through Mr. Young, of the Bureau of Statistics.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

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Telegram

M. F. Bonzano, Bingham House,
Philadelphia.

Aug. 18th 1875

No necessity of your coming here. Telegraphed you ab mind yesterday.

M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Messrs Rosengarten & Sons,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Aug 18th 1875

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to furnish this Office with the price per pound at which you will furnish from 500, to 1.000 pounds Corrosive Sublimate.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Messrs Powers & Weightman,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Messrs Martin Kalbfleisch's Sons
55 Fulton St. New York.

Moro Phillips Esqr

Aug. 19th 1875

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this Office with the price per pound, for which you will furnish from 500. to 1.000 pounds Corrosive Sublimate.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Aug. 17th 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your estimate for $15,000 for Refining funds for August, has been received, and referred to the Supervising Architect.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

August 19th, 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your Monthly Statements for July, and Statement of Earnings and Expenditures, for the Quarter ended June 30. 1875. has been received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

H. C. Hickok Esqr

Aug. 19th 1875.

Actg. Supt Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst., informing this Office of the Shipment of four (4) Melis and four (4) Horn Medals.

The package was duly received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

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Hon. Moses W. Field,
Detroit, Mich.

Aug. 19th 1875

Sir:

The Gold medal authorized to be struck for John Horn Jr. for his bravery in saving lives &c, is now nearly completed. Will you be kind enough to inform this Office, whether it shall be sent to your address.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

H. C. Hickok Engr.
Acting Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Aug. 20th 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday, informing this Office of the shipment of ten Gold Metis Medals, and also the receipt of the box containing the Medals.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

James Crawford Engr.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Carson, Nevada.

Aug. 20th, 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant, transmitting statement of Dore silver purchased by you July 14, 1875, is received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Aug. 20th 1875

Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Yours of the 12th inst., enclosing voucher of F. H. Lassaway, to take place of one forwarded, with a/c of month of July, has been received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer Esqr.

Aug. 20th 1875.

Assayer in charge U S Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir,

Your account of Ordinary Expenses, for the month of July, 1875, is received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

C. R. Atwood Esqr.

Aug 20th 1875

Treas. Jersey City Crucible, Manfg. Co.
Jersey City N. J.

Sir.

I will thank you to furnish this Office, the price at which your company would be willing to furnish Crucibles, covers, stands, Dippers, and stirrers, to the Mints of the United States.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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O. H. La Grange Esqr

Aug. 20th 1875

Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge reciept of your letter of the 11th inst., replying to certain queries from this Office, in connection with Prof. Schirmer's examination of your Mint on the 15th of March last.

The explanations will be considered, and answered in due time.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Telegram

H. R. Linderman.

Aug. 20th, 1875.

Mint San Francisco,

We have an offer of five hundred pounds corrosive sublimate at eighty two, and one thousand pounds at eighty cents. San Francisco paying one eighty. Shall we order shipment.

M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Hon. Martin Maginnis,

Aug. 21st 1875

Helena, Montana,

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. relating to the building of the Assay Office at Helena, has been received, and referred to the Supervising Architect, for his consideration and reply.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Actg. Director.

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Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

Aug 21st 1875.

Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

On examination of the detailed statement of the second purchase of Dore Silver, transmitted with your letter of the 20th inst., I find that in a number of instances the weight after melting is considerably in excess of the New York weight before melting, gaining in some cases from 50 @ 200 ozs. Assay No. 208, shows an increase of 203.45 ozs.

Will you be kind enough to furnish this Office with the necessary explanation.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow.

Aug. 21st. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at San Francisco, to that of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, of one million, four hundred and thirty seven thousand, one hundred and twenty six 34/100 Dollars (1.437.126.34) payable in 710.314.30 ozs Dore Silver, purchased by the Superintendent of the mint San Francisco, and refined at the Assay Office New York, and containing gold of the coining value of $616.741.57. and silver of the value of $820.384.83.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Telegram

Superintendent Mint

Aug. 21st 1875.

Carson, Nevada.

You are hereby authorized to purchase five hundred thousand dollars worth of comstock bars, at a rate not exceeding one hundred and twenty, and one half cents per ounce fine, for the silver contained, and gold at its coining value.

M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

Aug. 21st 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made Official.

"You are hereby authorized to purchase five hundred thousand dollars worth of Comstock bars at a rate not exceeding one hundred and twenty and one half cents per ounce fine for the silver contained, and gold at its coining value."

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

H. C. Hickok Esqr.

Aug. 21st 1875.

Actg. Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to inform this Office, what is the custom in regard to Counterfeits contained in minor coins sent to your mint for redemption.

Are they returned to the Sender, or distroyed at the Mint?

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt Mint. U.S.

San Francisco, Calo.

Aug. 21st 1875.

Sir:

I herewith transmit copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the U.S. Assay Office at New York relative to discrepancies in Invoices of 2d purchase of Dore Silver forwarded from your Mint to that Office.

I also enclose the Statement referred to by Superintendent Acton in his letter.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York.

Aug. 21st 1875

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th instant enclosing detailed statement showing the result of 2nd purchase of Dore Silver at San Francisco as determined by Melt and assay at your Office is received. I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at San Francisco to that of the assay Office New York of $1.437.126.34 the net value of the bullion above referred to.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer Esqr.

Assayer Mint U.S.

Denver, Colorado.

August 23rd 1875.

Sir:

Your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30. 1875, are received.

Very respectfully.
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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James Crawford Esqr.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Carson.

August 23rd/75

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this Office, as early as possible, with a statement showing the Earnings and Expenditures of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1875.

The statement should embrace all the items, as shown in the Director's annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1874, page 6.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Messrs Powers & Weightman,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Aug. 25rd 1875

Gentlemen;

Before accepting your offer to furnish 1000 lbs Corrosive Sublimate at 80¢ per lb, it was necessary that I should communicate with the Director who is in San Francisco, which was done by telegraph. The Director authorizes the purchase 1000 lbs @ 80¢ per lbs provided it be of proper quality.

Reposing confidence in your reliability, I have to request that you will ship at through freight rates to the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco, Calª 1000 lbs corrosive sublimate, at the price stated in your letter of the 19th inst. for that quantity. viz. 80¢ per pound.

Sending your bill in duplicate, accompanied by Bill Lading to this Office.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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J. T. L. Schirmer Esqr.

Aug. 23rd 1875

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

At the time of the employment of Richard Holme at your Mint, it was the intention of this Office that he should be paid from the appropriation for contingent Expences. In the examination of your Ordinary account for July, it is found that Mr Holme, is paid from the appropriation for wages of Workmen, and it would appear that should you continue to pay him on the roll of workmen that without a corresponding reduction in your force that it will create a deficiency in the appropriation for wages for the current fiscal year, which it is very desirable should be avoided if possible. I have therefore to recommend that Mr Holme be paid from the appropriation for contingent Expenses.

Your account current, and Pay Roll of Workmen for July 1875, are returned herewith in order that the necessary correction may be made.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

P.S.
Your abstract of contingent Expences is also returned.

J. T. L. Schirmer Esqr.

August 23rd 1875

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant transmitting your supplemental account of Ordinary Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875 is received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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D. W. Mahon Esqr.

Aug. 23rd 1875

First Auditor of the
Treasury.

Sir.

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Supplemental Ordinary Expences account of J. F. L. Schirmer, assayer in charge U.S. Mint at Denver Colorado, for the fiscal year ending June 30 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

Aug 23rd 1875

Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

Sir.

Your letter of the 12th instant enclosing the following corrected accounts belonging to your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending March 31st 1875, is received, viz.

Profit & Loss account
Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss.
United States Bullion Fund.
Gold coinage account, and
Summary Statement of operations
for the quarter.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Henry Troemner Esqr.

Aug. 24th 1875.

710 Market st.
Philadelphia

Sir:

I enclose herewith a requisition from the Supt. of the Mint, San Francisco for a series of weights required by the Coiner of that Mint. You are hereby instructed to prepare the weights as early as possible, and when completed to have them adjusted at the Philadelphia Mint, by the Standards kept there for that purpose

The Certificate of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, that the weights have been tested and adjusted under his supervision, and that they correspond with the standard weights of the Mint, must be attached to the box containing the weights.

When ready for shipment, you will please forward them to O. H. La Grange Supt. Mint, San Francisco, by Express, sending your bill for their manufacture in duplicate to this Office for payment, and also the Express receipts.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Aug. 24th 1875

Supt. Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco.

Sir.

Your attention is respectfully called to the letter of this Office, under date of the 23rd ultimo returning your Pay Roll and account current for June 1875, on account of Construction of Refinery, for correction.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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Messrs Nathan Trotter & Co,
No 36 North Front Street,
Philadelphia.

Aug. 24th 1875

Gentlemen:

The Acting Superintendent of the U.S. Mint Philadelphia has forwarded to this Office your bill for 17,952 lbs Lehigh Spelter shipped by you to the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, which has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, and in the course of a few days a draft for the amount ($1,974.72) will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.
Supt. Mint the U.S.
San Francisco.

Aug. 24th 1875

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate bill of Messrs Nathan Trotter & Co Philadelphia, for 17,952 lbs Lehigh Zinc shipped you on the 20th instant.

I have approved the account of Messrs Trotter & Co and referred the same to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for contingent Expenses of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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O. H. Delrange Esqr.

Aug. 24th 1875

Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco,

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information duplicate bill, and Bill of Lading for five (5) cases Chemically Pure Nitric Acid shipped you on the 19th instant by Messrs Rosengarten & Sons, whose bill has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment of the amount $95.35 to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the U. S. Mint San Francisco for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg. Director

Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow,

Aug. 24th 1875

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have the honor to report that ten (10) Gold Metis Medals, authorized by Joint Resolution of the Forty second Congress, Approved February 24. 1873, have been prepared at the Mint in Philadelphia, and are now in the custody of the Director of the Mint, subject to your order.

A copy of the Joint Resolution is herewith enclosed.

I am Sir, Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Actg Director.

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Frank Leslie Esqr.

537 Pearl St.

New York.

Aug. 24th 1875

Sir:

Referring to your letter of a few days since, acknowledging receipt of the Metis and Horn Medals &c, Will you be kind enough to inform me whether you received the Life Saving Medals of the 1st and 2nd class sent from this Office on the 2d inst., and also whether the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint, has forwarded to you a copy of the Draper medal as requested by me.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Meyers Rosengarten & Sons,

Philadelphia.

August 24th 1875

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 23rd inst. enclosing in duplicate your Invoice and Bill Lading for five (5) cases chemically Pure Nitric acid shipped to the U.S. Mint at San Francisco on the 19th instant is received

Your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount ($95.35) will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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H. C. Hickok Esqr.

Aug. 24th 1875

Acting Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd instant enclosing in duplicate bill of Messrs Nathan Trotter & Co for 17,952 lbs Lehigh Zinc is received. The bill of Messrs Trotter & Co has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business, a draft will be transmitted them for the amount. $1,974.72.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Thos C. Acton Esqr.

Aug. 24th 1875

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I enclose herewith Record of second purchase of Dore Silver at San-Francisco on government account and refined at the Assay Office at N.Y. to which I will thank you to append your Official Signature, and return to this Office. I have also to request that as soon as convenient you will furnish this Office with a duplicate of the same, as the Original will be transmitted to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, for his guidance in making final settlement with the Sellers of the bullion above referred to.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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H. C. Hickok Esqr.

Aug. 24th 1875

Actg. Supt Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday, I send by Express to day a copy of the last book of Estimates of appropriations.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer Esq.

Aug. 25th 1875

Assayer in charge Mint U.S.
Denver.

Sir,

I enclose herewith blank forms to be used by you in transmitting to this Office, a list of the Officers, Clerks and Employés of your Mint. I will thank you to forward the same by the 30th day of September next.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Similar letters addressed to

O. H. LaGrange Esqr.
Supt. Mint U.S.
San-Francisco.

James Crawford Esqr.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Carson.

A. J. Wollers Esqr.
Assayer in charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Thos C. Acton Esqr.
Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York.

Hon James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

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James Crawford Esqr. Aug. 25th 1875

Supt Mint of the U.S.
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

You are requested to render and transmit your accounts of Ordinary Expenses for the Months of June, and July, 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esqr. Aug 25th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th instant enclosing statement of Items composing the Bullion Fund at the U. S. Assay Office at New York June 30th, 1875 is received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esqr. Aug. 25th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant returning list of unpaid Warrants for the month of June 1875 is received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg Director.

Telegram

H. R. Linderman August 25th 1875.

Mint Carson, Nevada.

Have seen Secretary. He will not authorize purchase unless rate is stated.

M. V. Davis.

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M. F. Bonzano Esqr.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Neworleans.

August 25th 1875

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst., enclosing list of persons employed in the Mint, U. S. Neworleans.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esqr.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco, Calª.

August 25th 1875

Sir:

You are requested to furnish this Office with an estimate of the quantity of Borax, that will be required at your Mint during the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Messrs Powers & Weightman,

Philadelphia.

Aug. 25th 1875

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform this Office, the price per pound, at which, you would furnish 10.000 lbs of Borax.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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Messrs Morgan & Orr,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Aug. 26th 1875

Gentlemen,

You will please manufacture and ship without delay, to the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco, six dozen Copper Canisters 3 feet, 10 inches long, 3½ inches inside diameter.

Please advise me when you will probably be able to ship them.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow,

Secretary of the Treasury,

August 26th 1875

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of One hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the bullion fund of the Mint of the U.S. at Carson, Nevada, to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by Superintendent of the Mint from the "Silver Profit Fund."

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt Mint of the U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Aug. 26th 1875

Sir.

I will thank you to furnish this Office with a statement of the items composing the Bullion Fund of your Mint June 30 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco.

Aug. 26th 1875

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant making requisition for six dozen Copper Canisters 3 feet, 10 inches long, 3½ inches inside diameter is received. Messrs Morgan & Orr have been instructed to manufacture and ship the same without delay.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco, Calif.

Aug. 26th 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith detailed statement of second purchase of Doré Silver at San Francisco, on government account, and refined at the U.S. Assay Office New York, dated August 26th 1875. on the basis of which final settlement, with the sellers of the bullion will be made and this Office advised accordingly.

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a draft to be issued for the transfer of the sum of One million, four hundred and thirty seven thousand, one hundred and twenty six 34/100 Dollars ($1.437.126.34) from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at San-Francisco to that of the United States Assay Office at New York the net value of the bullion above referred to.

I also enclose for your information copy of a letter of Superintendent U.S. Assay Office transmitting the detailed statement to this Office.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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Jas. Crawford Esqr.

Aug. 26th 1875

Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your telegram of the 25th instant, I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of One hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in Subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the bullion fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the United States the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by you from "Silver Profit Fund."

Very respectfully,
W. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Messrs. Powers & Weightman,

Aug 26th 1875.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Your Invoice for 500 lbs, shipped U.S. Mint at San-Francisco is received. I will thank you to forward Bill Lading for the same, in duplicate.

Very respectfully,
W. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,

Aug. 26th 1875

Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir.

Your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30-1875 are received.

Very respectfully,
W. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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O. H. Langrange Esqr.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

San-Francisco.

Aug. 26th 1875

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, duplicate bill and Bill Lading for three (3) cases chemically Pure Nitric Acid shipped you on the 19th instant by Rosengarten & Sons, whose account has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment of the amount $57.21 to be made from the appropriation for contingent Expences of the U. S. Mint at San-Francisco for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Messrs

Rosengarten & Sons,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Aug. 26th 1875.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 25th instant enclosing duplicate Invoice and Bill Lading for three cases chemically Pure Nitric Acid shipped the Mint of the U. S. at San-Francisco is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business, a draft for the amount will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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Henry Troemner Esqr.

Philadelphia.

June 25th 1875

Sir:

I sent you a telegram to day ordering large slate Balance with weights complete for the use of the Mint at San Francisco. The balance must be in all respects the same as that you are manufacturing for the Assay Office at New York. Please make and ship the Balance as early as possible. Have it securely packed and forwarded by Express to U.S. Mint, San-Francisco.

Your bills in duplicate with duplicate bills of lading will be transmitted for settlement to the Office of the Director of the Mint at Washington.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman,
Director the Mint.

Wm A. Potter Esqr.

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

San Francisco July 7th 1875

Sir:

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 10th ultimo with the enclosures stated. You request me to examine the space on the West side of the Mint and report my views as to the necessity of paving the same.

In connection with Superintendent La Grange. I have carefully examined the premises, and have arrived at the conclusion that the ground should be paved as originally contemplated, and respectfully recommend that the work of laying said pavement be resumed and completed as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman,
Director the Mint.

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Wm. A. Potter Esqr

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington D. C.

July, 9th 1875

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 28 ulto. I have examined the Claim of the U.S. Salamander Felting Co, Pacific Branch, amounting to $1627.20 as due for work done and materials furnished at U.S. Mint San-Francisco. It appears that the sum of $2685.50 has been paid said company, being the actual cost of labor and material furnished by them.

The company as above stated, now claims an allowance for Royalty and reasonable profit on the outlay of $1627.20. I am unable to perceive that there was any liability on the part of the resident Commissioner Supt. La Grange for royalty, no reference to the same appearing on any of the papers submitted,

I therefore recomend the disallowance of the claim in respect to Royalty.

There does not appear to be any difference of opinion between the Felting Company and Superintendent La Grange as to the fact that the payment of $2685.50 was for the actual cost of labor performed, and materials furnished, and it would appear to be contrary to the usages of business not to allow a reasonable profit on the outlay. I therefore recomend that a reasonable amount (say 15% on $2685.50) $402.82 be allowed and which if accepted, to be paid in full of all demands.

It is proper to add that the Superintendent of Construction Supt. La Grange, in ordering the above work acted within his instructions.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman,
Director.

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Telegram

Superintendent The Mint July 12th 1875

Carson, Nevada.

The Express Company refuse to deliver Dore bullion to Philadelphia Mint unless freight is computed on old valuation of Silver. make no further shipments by Express until further advised.

H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.

Jno. F. Valentine Esqr. July 12th 1875.

General—
Superintendent,

Sir:

I have your note of this date, and to present further complications, I have instructed the Supt of the Mint at Carson by telegraph, to suspend forwarding bullion East and have telegraphed to Washington to have payment of Express charges on fictitious valuation of Silver declined. I will go to Carson tomorrow and after seeing the receipt given by your Agent for the bullion, decide what further instructions to give.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman,
Director The Mint.

Hon James Crawford, July 16th 1875

Suplintendent U.S. Mint,
Carson Nevada,

Sir:

When the purchase of One million and a half of Unparted Bars was authorized, you were instructed to forward the Bullion to the Philadelphia Mint. — It appears, that up to, and including yesterday, Unparted Bars to the approximate Value of $930.000, were forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint. —

In order to insure the running of your Refinery

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to its fullest capacity, it will be necessary to retain the balance of the purchase above referred to and you are hereby authorized so to do.— It is important that your Mint, including the Refinery, should hereafter be fully employed in the preparation of the Divisionary Silver Coins; and to that end a fair supply of Bullion should be kept on hand.— You will therefore give the Director, at Washington, timely notice when further supplies of Silver Bullion are required.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman,
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, July 16th 1875

Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia,

Sir:

In order that the Carson Mint may be employed to its fullest capacity in the preparation of the Divisionary Silver Coins, it is necessary to retain about one third of the $1.500.000, worth of Unparted Bars, recently purchased here on Government a/c, and which the Superintendent was originally instructed to forward to the Philadelpha Mint.— The superintendent at Carson has accordingly been directed to forward to you only $9.30.000 (approximate value) of the purchase above referred to.— So soon as the Bullion can be melted, assayed and computed, you will please transmit a detailed statement hereof to the Director, at Washington, and a duplicate to the Superintendent of the Carson Mint. When your statement, showing the value of Gold & Silver, respectively contained in the Bars, is received at Washington, a transfer draft, covering the transaction, will be issued.

The Gold is to be computed at its Coining Value, and the Silver at 119 cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Telegram

Superintendent of Mint San Francisco Aug. 18th 1875

Philadelphia.

Please have purchased and forwarded by rail immediately to the San Francisco Mint five tons of pure Zinc for use in the parting of Gold and Silver, by the Nitric acid process. Let Prof. Booth select the article. Bill will be paid at Washington.

H. R. Linderman,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Aug. 18th 1875

Philadelphia,

Send twenty Tons Zinc instead of Five. Forward by Blue Line fast freight. answer.

Charge Mint &c.

H. R. Linderman,
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr. August 27th 1875

Supt Mint of the U. S.
San-Francisco,

Sir.

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate bill and Bill Lading for 500 lbs corrosive sublimate shipped you by Messrs Powers and Weightmen, Philadelphia whose account has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for contingent Expenses of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
W. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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Messrs Powers & Weightman,
Philadelphia,

Aug 27th 1875

Gentlemen:

Your Bill for 500. lbs corrosive sublimate shipped the U. S. Mint at San Francisco has been approved, and to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount ($400) will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Messrs Powers & Weightman,
Philadelphia,

Aug. 27th. 1875.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 26th instant giving the names of the principal dealers in Borax in your City is received.
I thank you for your courtesy.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

August 27th 1875.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 26th instant enclosing bill and vouchers for ten Gold Metis medals.

The bill is respectfully returned to be made out against "the United States," as payment cannot be made by the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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R. W. Taylor, Esqr.

August 27th 1875

First Comptroller,
Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Official Oath of Levi Dague, Coiner of the Mint of the United States at Carson, Nevada, for file in your Office.

Very Respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

August 28th 1875

Supt. U.S. Mint,
San Francisco,

Sir:

I have received the Report for the Construction of the Refinery at your Mint for the Month of June 1875.

The same has been referred to the Supervising Architect.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Hon James Pollock,

Aug. 28th 1875

Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia,

Sir:

If you have in Your Mint, Copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint, for the fiscal Year ended June 30th 1870 – 1871, and 1872., will you be kind enough to send two copies for each Year, to this Office.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Telegram

H. R. Linderman,

Aug. 28th 1875

Lick House, San Francisco,

Have your letter of nineteenth. Have seen Secretary. Increase of bullion fund will be made, and authority to purchase given, as soon as La Grange telegraphs price. London quotation, fifty six and five eighths. Crawford has been instructed to purchase for Philadelphia as recommended.

M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

A. C. Paquet Esqr.

August 28th 1875

Sir:

I send by Express to day the two Life Saving Medals, you were kind enough to loan for publication.

They were published in "Frank Leslie" Illustrated paper this week, and present a very creditable appearance.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Frank Leslie Esqr.

August 28th, 1875.

537 Pearl St.
New York,

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday, and Express package containing the Life Saving Medals. It will not be necessary for you to return the other Medals in your possession.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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O. H. LaGrange Esqr.

Aug. 28th 1875

Supt. Mint of the U.S.,
San Francisco, Cala.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information Duplicate Bill Lading for 279 slabs Lehigh Zinc shipped you by Messrs Spear & Richards of Philadelphia on the 23rd instant.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Hon Jas Pollock,

Aug. 28th 1875

Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia,

Sir.

Your letter of the 27th instant enclosing in Duplicate Bill Lading for 279 slab Spelter shipped the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco by Spear & Richards is received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Miss M. S. Leighton,

Aug. 28th 1875

Portsmouth, N.H.

Dear Friend,

I have the pleasure of enclosing herewith Treasury Draft. no 4157, drawn to your endorsement, for thirty five 8/100. Dollars in full for Salary for the month of August 1875.

Be kind enough to acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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Telegram

Superintendent, Mint

Aug 28th 1875

Carson, Nevada,

You are hereby authorized to purchase five hundred thousand dollars worth of Dore Silver, at a rate not exceeding one hundred and twenty one and a half cents per ounce fine for the Silver contained, and gold at its coining value. Determine approximate value by chip assays, and retain margin sufficient to protect Government against variations in assay on melt at Philadelphia. Transfer bullion to Philadelphia Mint in lots of One hundred thousand ounces each. Express charges will be paid in Silver Coin at Philadelphia Mint on Carson Mint stamps of value. Send detailed invoice of each lot forwarded. Final settlement will be made on melt and assay at Philadelphia Mint, and retained margin if any, returned to seller.

M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

James Crawford Esqr

August 28th 1875.

Supt Mint U.S. Carson,

Sir

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day is hereby made Official:

"You are hereby authorized to purchase five hundred thousand dollars worth of Dore Silver at a rate not exceeding One hundred and twenty one and a half cents per ounce fine, for the Silver contained, and gold at its coining value. Determine approximate value by chip assay, and retain margin sufficient to protect Government against variations in assay on melt at Philadelphia.

Transfer bullion to Philadelphia Mint in lots of One hundred thousand ounces each. Express charges will be paid in Silver coin at Philadelphia Mint on Carson Mint stamps of value. Send detailed invoices of each lot forwarded. Final settlement will be made on melt and assay at Philadelphia Mint, and retained margin, if any, returned to Seller."

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

August, 28th 1875

Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia

Sir:

I send herewith for your information, a copy of a telegram sent this day to the Supt. of the Mint at Carson, authorizing him to purchase five hundred thousand dollars worth of Doré bullion, for transfer to your Mint for Coinage.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Telegram

H. R. Linderman,

Aug. 30th 1875

Lick House, San Francisco.

On the seventh instant, I authorized Crawford to purchase five hundred thousand dollars worth of Dore at one hundred and twenty and one half cents for his Refinery. To day he telegraphs me that no further deliveries will be made on that contract, and in order to keep his Refinery engaged, asks authority to purchase five hundred thousand dollars worth at one hundred and twenty one cents per ounce fine. The Secretary thinks, in view of the unsettled condition of affairs, that you had better look into the matter, and if the purchase is necessary to so recommend it by telegram to me. Please do so, and also inform me if his bullion fund is sufficient.

M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Telegram

Superintendent, mint.

Aug. 30th 1875

Carson, Nevada,

So much of my telegram of the twenty eighth, as authorized you to purchase Doré Silver at one hundred and twenty one and a half cents per ounce fine, is hereby revoked, and you are authorized to purchase five hundred thousand dollars worth of Doré Silver at a rate not exceeding one hundred and twenty one cents per ounce fine for the Silver contained, and gold at its coining value.

M. V. Davis
Actg. Director

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O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Aug. 30th 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made Official.

"You are hereby instructed to purchase five hundred thousand ounces of Doré bullion at a rate not exceeding one hundred and twenty one, and one quarter cents per ounce fine for the Silver contained, and gold at its coining value. Transfer of one million dollars in gold coin to Bullion Fund will be wired to-day."

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,

August 30th 1875

Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 28th inst. enclosing corrected bill for the Metis Medals, which has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, and in due course of business, a draft for the amount $1425.25 payable in gold coin, will be sent you. The Medal vouchers will be returned to you as soon as signed by the Secretary.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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James Crawford Esqr.

Aug. 30th 1875

Supt. Mint U.S.

Carson,

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made Official:

"So much of my telegram of the 28th inst., as authorized you to purchase Doré Silver at one hundred and twenty one and a half cents per ounce fine, is hereby revoked, and you are authorized to purchase five hundred thousand dollars worth of Doré Silver at a rate not exceeding one hundred and twenty one cents per ounce fine for the silver contained, and gold at its coining value."

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Actg. Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow.

Aug. 30th 1875

Secretary The Treasury,

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco be increased One Million Dollars ($1.000.000) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin from the Assistant Treasurer, and that the same be made immediately by telegraph.

This addition to the Bullion Fund is rendered necessary on account of a large purchase of silver bullion authorized this day to be made at that Mint for conversion into subsidiary coin.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

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James Crawford Esqr.

Aug. 30th 1875

Supt. U.S. Mint,

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully directed to a communication from this Office under date of the 15th ult. returning for correction Vouchers No. 76 and No. 288 of your Ordinary Expense Account for May 1875.

You will please have the same corrected and returned to this Office at your earliest possible convenience.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Actg. Director.

Telegram

Superintendent, Mint

August 30th 1875

San Francisco,

You are hereby authorized to purchase five hundred thousand ounces of Doré bullion at a rate not exceeding One hundred and twenty one and a quarter cents per ounce fine for the silver contained, and gold at its coining value.

Transfer of one million dollars in gold coin to Bullion fund will be made by wire to day.

M. V. Davis,

Actg. Director.

Jas. Crawford Esqr.

Aug. 31st 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.,

Carson, Nevada,

Sir:

You will please furnish this Office with an estimate in which you will state the numbers of each number of black lead crucibles, and covers, and the number and sizes of dipping stirrers and stands, that will be required at your Mint during the current fiscal Year.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Actg Director.

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O. H. La Grange Esq.

Aug 31st 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco,

Sir:

I transmit herewith Duplicate bill of Messrs Spear & Richards Philadelphia, for 279 Slabs Lehigh Zinc, shipped you on the 23rd instant, and which has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement. payment to be made from the appropriation for contingent Expenses of the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director,

Hon. James Pollock.

Aug 31st 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia,

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th instant enclosing in triplicate bill of Messrs Spear & Richards, for 279 slabs or 13,451 lbs Zinc shipped the Mint at San Francisco, is received.

The bill has been approved, and referred to the accounting officers for settlement, and a draft for the amount $1277.85 will be transmitted Messrs Spear & Richards in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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James Crawford Esqr.

Aug 31st 1875

Supt. Mint U.S.,
Carson,

Sir.

Will you be kind enough to forward at your earliest convenience, a statement showing the amounts respectively of subsidiary silver coin issued in payment for silver contained in gold deposits, and exchanged for gold coins at par, during the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Hon James Pollock.

Aug 31st 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia,

Sir.

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of September 1875. has been approved for the sum of $30.700.— from the following appropriations viz:

Salaries	1876		$3.400
Wages of workmen	"		21.000
Contingent Expenses	"		6.300

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

Aug 31st 1875.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir.

Your statement of silver purchased on government account from the 11th to 25 August inclusive is received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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Hon. J. L. Smith,
Oakland,
Ohio.

Aug. 31st 1875.

Sir:

In compliance with request contained in your letter of the 29th inst., I send herewith copies of Director's reports for the years 1871–72–73–74. The report for 1875, will be sent you as soon as published. I regret I could not obtain a copy of the Report for 1870.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Messrs Spear & Richards,
Philadelphia,

Aug 31st, 1875.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the U. S. Mint Philadelphia has forwarded to this Office your bill for 13,451 lbs Pure Lehigh Zinc, shipped the U. S. Mint, San Francisco, which has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officer for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be transmitted to you.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

James Crawford Esqr.
Supt Mint U.S.
Carson,

Aug. 31st 1875.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 24th inst., I enclose herewith autograph of John C. New, Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Telegram

Superintendent, Mint.

Carson Nevada,

Aug. 31st 1875

You are hereby authorized to purchase three hundred thousand dollars worth of Doré Bullion for coinage at your Mint at a rate not exceeding One hundred and twenty one cents per ounce fine for the Silver contained, and gold at its coining value.

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director,

James Crawford Esqr.

Aug 31st 1875

Supt. Mint U.S.

Carson,

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day is hereby made Official.

"You are hereby authorized to purchase Three hundred thousand dollars worth of Dore bullion for coinage at your Mint, at a rate not exceeding One hundred and twenty one cents per ounce fine for the Silver contained, and gold at its Coining Value."

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis.

Actg. Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Aug. 31st 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S. San Francisco,

Sir:

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing statement of the movement of Subsidiary Silver Coin for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1875. permit me to ask you if there is no way of separating the item, "disbursed for silver contained in gold, and exchanged for gold at par $62.234.02", so as to show the amount disbursed for silver contained in gold, and the amount exchanged for gold coin at par.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

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Messrs. Morgan & Orr.

Aug. 31st 1875

Philadelphia,

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 30th instant enclosing in duplicate your bill for

Two reeding hubs,

One Single Draw bench, and

One center piece for No. 2. Coining press,

Shipped the U.S. Mint San Francisco on the 28th instant is received.

I will thank you to furnish this Office with a copy of the order for the above mentioned machinery, as there is no record of the same in this Office.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Actg. Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

Sept. 1st 1875.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,

New York.

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to transmit your regular monthly statement of deposits and purchases, and bars made during the month of July 1875.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Actg. Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

Sept. 1st 1875.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ultimo, enclosing account current of the Bullion Fund of your Office is received.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

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Messrs Spear & Richards,

Philadelphia, Pa,

September 1st 1875.

Gentlemen:

I have received from the Superintendent of the Mint Philadelphia, your bill for 290. Slabs Pure Lehigh Zinc weighing 13.457, shipped the U. S. Mint San Francisco on the 30th ultimo, which has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for Settlement, and a draft for the amount $1.277.84 will be sent you in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esqr.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

September 1st 1875.

Sir:

I have received your account of the Construction of Refinery for the Month of July. 1875.

I will thank you to return to this Office without further delay the pay-rolls and account current belonging to the Refinery, Account for June, mailed you for correction July 23rd 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Telegram

H. R. Linderman.

Mint, San Francisco.

September 1st 1875

Transfer of five hundred thousand gold coin from Bullion Fund to Treasury, will be made to day. Subsidiary coinage Philadelphia for August, three hundred and sixty four thousand.

M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

September 1st 1875.

Supt Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir.

Your letter of the 31st ultimo enclosing bill and B/L for 290 slabs Pure Lehigh Zinc shipped the U.S. Mint San Francisco by Mefsrs Spear & Richards is received.

The bill has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount $1.277.84 will be remitted to them.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon.

September 1st 1875.

First Auditor.

Sir.

I enclose herewith for your information a communication received from the Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, explaining certain items in his Ordinary Expense Account for the Month of May, 1875. and enclosing a copy of advertisement for proposals for wood and coal.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Mefsrs Robert Taylor & co

September 1st 1875.

Cor. 19th & Callowhill Streets,
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen.

I will thank you to furnish this Office, the price at which you would be willing to furnish crucibles, covers, dippers, and stirrers for the mints and assay Officers of the United States.

Very respectfully,
M V. Davis.
Actg. Director.

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O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco. Cal.

September 1st 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, duplicate Bill and B/L for 290 slabs Pure Lehigh Zinc shipped you on the 30th ultimo, by Messrs Spear & Richards whose bill has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment of the amount $1.277.84 to be made from the appropriation for contingent Expenses of the U. S. Mint, San Francisco, for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

E. Barrington Esqr.

915 So. 13th St.

Philadelphia.

September 1st 1875.

Sir:

In reply to yours of yesterday, I have to say that the "Latin Work on Coins and Medals," was duly received, and is now being examined in Order to ascertain its Value as a book of reference &c. If you would be willing to wait until the Director's return, about the 20th inst. it is he would purchase the Work.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis.

Actg. Director.

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Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow — September 1st 1875

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of five hundred thousand dollars in gold coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of this mint U.S. San Francisco, to the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Messrs Morgan & Orr. — San Francisco. Cal. July 31st 1875.

#1219 Callowhill St.
Philadelphia,

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you to day is hereby made Official:

"Manufacture and forward by rail to San Francisco Mint one single draw bench, and a new center piece for second size new press.

Answer when you will ship same."

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In respect to the draw bench, the coiner desires that the spur wheel, and pinion wheel, should be placed on the right hand side of the draw bench. The belt pulleys as close to the bench as possible. No outside bearings, if it is possible to make the bench run without it.

Furnish also, to be shipped with draw bench, One Emory wheel 3 feet in diameter, 2 inch face, and 3½ inch hole for shaft. Two steel plugs for making reeding tools to make collars for half dollars, dimes trade dollars, and double Eagles.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia,

September 2nd/75

Sir:

I have yours of yesterday, enclosing total bill in duplicate of Messrs Spear & Richards for Zinc shipped to San Francisco.

As their seperate bills have been forwarded to the proper accounting Officers, Your enclosures of yesterday, will simply be placed on file in this Office.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Actg. Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office.

New York City.

Sept. 2nd 1875.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the current month, has been approved for the sum of $12400.– from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876		$2900.–
Wages of Workmen	"		6.000.–
Contingent Expenses	"		3.500.–

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis

Actg. Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr,

Supt Mint U.S.,

San Francisco Calª.

Sept. 2nd 1875.

Sir:

Messrs Morgan & Orr report that they will ship the copper canisters for which requisition was made by you upon this Office under date of the 18th ultimo. in about thirty (30) days.

Very respectfully.

M. V. Davis

Actg. Director.

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Messrs Morgan & Co.

Sept 2nd 1875

Philadelphia Pa.

Gentlemen:

Your bill for machinery shipped the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco, on the 28th ultimo, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement and in due course of business a draft for the amount ($2879.48) will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Geo. C. Thompson Esqr

September 2nd 1875.

Supt. Mint Dept. Adams Express Co,
Philadelphia,

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st instant enclosing bills of the Adams Express Company for the transportation of Gold & Silver bullion from the Assay Office New York, to the U.S. Mint Philadelphia, and the return of the same in coin during the month of August 1875, is received.

The bills have been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business, a draft for the amount ($1.068.00) will be transmitted.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Telegram

Superintendent, Mint

Sept. 2nd 1875

Carson, Nevada,

When will you commence shipping Doré Silver to Philadelphia on purchase ordered, twenty eighth ultimo.

M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia,

Sept. 2nd 1875

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to inform this Office whether the medals for John Horn Jr. has been completed, and when we may expect it. A case similar to those for the Metis Medal, should be provided for it.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,

New York,

Sept. 2nd 1875.

Sir:

In reply to yours of yesterday, relative to lists of Employe's &c, I have to state that two lists will be required: one for the Secretary to be forwarded to this Office by the 5th instant, and the other for the Register's Office on the 30th inst.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acty. Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

Supt. Mint U.S.

Carson Nevada,

September 2nd 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day is hereby made Official.

"When will you commence shipping Doré Silver to Philadelphia on purchase ordered, twenty Eighth ultimo."

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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Messrs Morgan & Orr

Sept. 2nd 1875.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith the Order for certain machinery, as requested in your letter of the 1st instant, transmitting the same for the information of this Office.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Miss M. L. Laighton

Sept. 2nd 1875.

Portsmouth N. H.

I have your of the 31st ult. asking an extention to the middle of September, of your leave of absence. It will be impossible to grant your request, unless you are willing to lose the pay, as the time will be charged against you from the 1st inst. We cannot avoid doing this, as your leave was for only twenty days at the outset. Regretting my unabil=ity to oblige,

I am very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

A. B. Linderman Esqr.

September 3rd 1875

No 620 North 7th St.,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith your bill of expenses from San Francisco to Philadelphia, with the request that you will certify to the same properly witnessed by a notary Public.

Please return the bill to this Office.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia,

September 3rd 1875

Sir:

Upon examining the letter files this morning, I find the Director's letter of May 24th, authorized you to enclose the Horn Medal in a case, at a cost of about ten dollars.

Will you be kind enough to consider so much of my letter of yesterday, as related to the "case", revoked, and obtain a suitable box at the cost stated by the Director in the letter above referred to.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt Mint, U.S.

Philadelphia,

September 3rd 1875.

Sir.

The transfer from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at Carson to that of your Mint of unparted bars, to the value of $500.000, will commence on Monday the 6th inst, in parcels of about $100.000, and will continue every other day thereafter, untill the whole amount is forwarded.

On the receipt of the bullion, you will proceed to have it melted and assayed. The value of the Gold and Silver respectively will be computed, and the result reported to this Office, whereupon a transfer draft covering the transaction will be issued.

Your Bullion Fund will be charged with the Gold contained in the bars, at its coining value, and the Silver at the rate of $1.21 per ounce fine.

The bullion having been purchased on account of the United States, will be smelted and parted without charge, and the freight upon the same paid by you in subsidiary Silver Coin, and charged to "Silver Profit Fund". It is expected the first shipment will reach you on or about the 14th inst.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

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Telegram

Superintendant Mint, September 3rd 1875.

Carson, Nevada,

Please telegraph coinage for August.

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

James Crawford Esqr. Sept. 3rd 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Carson,

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made Official.

"Please telegraph coinage for August."

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Actg. Director.

Hon Moses W. Field, Sept 4th 1875.

Detroit,

Michigan,

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21st ult. I have to inform you that the Horn Medal is now in the custody of the Director of the Mint, subject to the orders of the President, who under the act of June 20. 1874, "is authorized and directed to cause to be prepared and presented" to John Horn, Jr. the medal referred to.

Under the wording of the act, the Medal can only be presented by the President, or some one delegated by him.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Actg. Director.

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Telegram

H. R. Linderman

September 4th 1875.

Mint San Francisco.

Five hundred thousand in gold has been transferred from Mint to Treasury, and five hundred thousand more recommended by you, for which transfer has not yet been made. Now if the Treasurer required five hundred thousand additional, making in all one Million five hundred thousand, Can it be spared from the Mint, without embarrassing operations.

The information is asked for by Treasurer.

M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow.

September 4th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

In compliance with an act of Congress, approved June 20. 1874, (U.S. Statutes at Large. Vol. 18 part 3. page 573) a gold medal has been struck at the Philadelphia Mint for presentation to John Horn Jr. of Detroit Michigan, in recognition of his services, in recovering Men, Women, and children from drowning in the Detroit River. The Medal is now in the custody of the Director of the Mint, subject to your instructions as to its disposition.

A copy of the act authorizing the Medals is herewith enclosed.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
actg. Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esqr.

Sept 4th 1875.

Supt U.S. Mint,
San Francisco. Calif,

Sir:

Your Bullion account for the quarter ending June 30th 1875, is received,

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon James Pollock

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia,

Sept. 4th 1875.

Sir:

I have yours of yesterday, enclosing bill and vouchers for the Horn Medal. The bill has been referred to the 1st Auditor, and the vouchers I return duly signed.

The authority to manufacture the Medals having originated from this Office, it is thought that the signature to the vouchers should be attached here, and not by the Secretary, hence I have signed the vouchers for both the Metis and Horn Medals.

In regard to the case, for the Horn Medal, the one sent, will answer every purpose.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sept. 4th 1875.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of One hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from the "Silver Profit Fund."

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia.

Sept. 4th 1875.

Sir:

In compliance with your request I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of One hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the bullion fund of your Mint, to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for the transportation of the same to be paid by you from Silver Profits.

Very respectfully.
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

Hon. Jas Pollock

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia,

Sept. 4th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd instant enclosing certificate of deposit for $191.297.24 Silver Coin is received.

Very respectfully.
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

Messrs. Stone & Downer

28. State St. Boston,

Sept. 6th 1875.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging yours of the 2d inst., I send herewith the two last annual Reports of the Director of the Mint. The report for fiscal year ended June 30. 1875, will be sent you as soon as published.

I enclose foreign Coin Circular.

Very respectfully.
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

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Hon. John M. S. Williams

Cambridge, Mass.

Sept. 6th 1875.

Sir:

Acknowledging yours of the 31st ult., referred to this Office, I send herewith copies of the last annual Reports of the Director of the Mint. The report for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1875, will be sent you as soon as published.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt Mint U.S.

San Francisco, Calif.

Sept. 6th 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate Invoice and B/L for 5 cases C.P. Nitric Acid shipped you on the 1st instant by Messrs Rosengarten & Sons, Philadelphia, whose bill has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for contingent Expenses of your Mint.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Messrs Rosengarten & Sons,

Philadelphia.

Sept. 6th 1875.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 4th inst., enclosing in duplicate Invoice and B/L for 5 cases C.P. Nitric Acid shipped the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco is received. Your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement, and in due course of business, a draft for the amount ($95.35) will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,

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Hon. James Pollock

Sept. 6th 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I herewith return Bill for the John Horn Medal the Comptroller having decided that as no appropriation has been made for it, it cannot be paid.

Under these circumstances, nothing can be done, untill Congress convenes, when an appropriation will be asked for, to reimburse you for the cost of the Medal.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock.

Sept. 6th 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia,

Sir:

Referring to the letter of the Acting Superintendent of the 17th ult. in which he stated that a detailed Statement of the Value of the Carson silver shipped you some time since, could be sent to this Office by the latter part of the week following, may I trouble you to forward the Statement as early as possible, as the Director is desirous of completing the settlement with the sellers of the bullion.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendant Mint,

Sept. 7th 1875.

Carson, Nevada,

Send immediately list of employes on forms sent you from this Office on the ninth of August.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Similar Telegram sent to
Superintendant Mint,
San Francisco.

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James Crawford Esqr.

Sept. 7th 1875.

Superintendant Mint U.S.

Carson,

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made official. "Send immediately list of Employes on forms sent you from this Office on the ninth of August."

The list asked for is entirely seperate, and distinct from that, for which forms were sent you on the 25th ult., The latter should be forwarded by the 1st proximo.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to

O. H. La Grange, Esqr.

Supt. Mint U.S.

San Francisco,

Hon. James Pollock,

Sept. 7th 1875

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia,

Sir:

Be kind enough to forward without delay, the list of Employes on forms sent you the 9th ult. The list is required for the "Treasury Register," and the printers are waiting for the report.

It is entirely separate and distinct from that, for which forms were sent you on the 25th ult. the latter should be forwarded by the 30th inst.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Actg. Director.

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J. F. L. Schirmer Esqr.

Sept. 7th 1875.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint, Denver,

Sir:

Please forward without delay, the list of employes for which forms were sent you on the 9th ult.,
The list asked for by letter of 25th ult., and for which forms were sent, should be forwarded here by the 1st proximo. The first report is entirely separate and distinct from the latter.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Calvin J. Cowles Esqr.

Sept. 7th 1875.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

You will please deposit the sum of $174.26, being the balance remaining in your hands of the appropriation for contingent expenses of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Messrs Powers & Weightman,

Sept. 7th 1875.

Philadelphia,

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will be kind enough to forward to this Office Bill of Lading, for 500 lbs corrosive sublimate shipped by you to the U. S. Mint San-Francisco, on the 6th instant.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon, Sept. 7th 1875.

First Auditor,

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Bullion account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Col. for the second Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer Esqr. Sept. 7th 1875.

Assayer in charge U.S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion account for the quarter ending June 30. 1875.

Hereafter you will please retain the Express receipt for Bar transmitted to the Philadelphia Mint and forward the same with your Bullion Account to which it belongs.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock, September, 7th 1875.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

Sir:

You will please deposit the balances remaining in your hands of the appropriations for the fiscal year ended June, 30. 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thos. C. Acton Esqr,
Supt. U.S. Assay Office,

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James Crawford Esqr.

Supt. U.S. Mint,

Carson City.

Sept. 8th 1875.

Sir:

Your Requision for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of 21.05 00/100, from the following Appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876.		$2.050. —
Wages of Workmen	— "		10.000. —
Contingent Expenses	— "		9.000. —

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia,

Sept. 8th 1875.

Sir:

In reply to yours of yesterday, asking the return of the Horn Medal, I have to state that the medal is in the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury.

If you will forward another bill, I will see if I cannot have it paid out of some appropriation connected with Revenue Marine Service, and which I think is possible.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

Hon James Pollock,

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia.

Sept. 8th 1875.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of August, 1875, is recieved.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock, Sept. 8th 1875.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

Sir:

Yours of yesterday enclosing detailed statement of the net result of the Assay of 283 unparted bars recieved from the Mint at Carson, has been recieved.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock, Sept. 8th 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia,

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, enclosing C/D for $99.25, for Assay of ores &c during the last half of the fiscal year Ended June 30. 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

J. F. L. Schroner Esqr, Sept. 8th 1875.

Assayer in charge U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado,

Sir:

I have recieved your letter of the 3rd instant returning corrected Pay-roll of Workmen, account current and abstract of Expenses for the month of July, 1875.

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary a/c for July.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

Sept. 8th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York,

Sir:

Your letter of yesterday requesting that the Adams and Stickney Governor may be applied to the Gas Meters in your Assay Office, has been received and referred to the Supervising Architect.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

Sept. 8th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Yours of the 7th inst., enclosing duplicate Statement of 2d Doré purchase sent from San Francisco to your Office for parting and refining, has been received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

H. D. Atwood Esqr.

Sept. 8th 1875.

Jersey City Crucible Co
Taunton, Mass.

Sir:

I have yours of the 6th inst., relative to crucibles &c. No action will be taken in the matter untill the Director's return, on or about the 1st proximo. It will not be at all necessary for you to come on here, as the Director, if he decides upon making a contract, will communicate with you by letter. It may be some time after his return, before the subject recieves consideration.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon. Sept. 8th 1875.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense account of the assayer in charge, of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Col. for the Month of July, 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

John Huskamp & Co. Sept. 8th 1875.

Charleston, S.C.

Sirs:

Yours of the 4th inst., enclosing Draft no. 820, on the German American Bank of New York, for thirty dollars drawn to the order of the Supt. of the U.S. Mint, Washington, has been recieved. Your letter and draft have been forwarded to the Superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia, to whom all orders for minor coins should be sent hereafter, and the drafts drawn to his order. I enclose circular relative to the issue of Minor Coins &c.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

N. Guilford Esqr. Sept. 9th 1875.

Genl. Fright Agent B.&O.R.R.

Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of this Office under date of March 26. 1875. I have to request your early attention to claim No. 1.642. for overcharges on 15 casks of coffee shipped from New York, July 15, 1874 to the U.S. Mint at Carson Nevada, by your road.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis

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Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

Sept. 9th 1875.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of yesterday in reply to my letter of the 7th inst., requesting you to deposit the balances of the appropriations for the last fiscal year, I have to state that your requisition for the current month is held by the 1st comptroller, who declines to recommend the advance for the reason that the funds already in your hands are in excess of the amount of your Official Bond.

The balance in your hands on June 30. 1875. was $56.901.87, since which time there has been advanced you $61.400.-, making a total of $118.301.87. There are vouchers on hand as follows, viz:

July account	———	$24.940.53.
August "	———	31.661.03.
Total	———	56.601.56.

This leaves a balance in your hands of $61.700.31 being over $11.000- more than the amount of your Bond. Of this balance $20.781.20 is on account of Wages of Workmen for the fiscal year ended June, 30.1875, which if deposited, would reduce your balance to $40.919.11. We could probably have the amount advanced for Artesian Well deducted from this, which would leave $30,919.11. and enable you to secure funds for the present month.

With reference to the payment of the bills of Dr. Bonzano, you are probably aware that no expenses incurred during the current fiscal year can be paid from the appropriations for the past year.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock, Sept. 9th 1875.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 8th inst. I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of One hundred thousand dollars, ($100.000) in subsidiary silver coin, to be transferred from the bullion fund of your mint to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation to be paid from Silver Profits.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow Sept. 9th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of One hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint Philadelphia, to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendent, Mint Sept. 9th 1875.

Carson, Nevada,

Please send immediately Ordinary accounts for June and July.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sept. 9th 1875.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 7th inst., in relation to placing the Adams & Slickney governor upon the gas meters in your Office, you are hereby instructed to have the same applied.

When your letter was received, I referred it to the Supervising Architect, thinking that he had some appropriation out of which the expense could be paid. It seems that he has not, and the expense will have to be borne by your contingent appropriations.

It is claimed that the saving in gas consumed, will more than compensate for the cost of the governors.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

Supt. Mint U.S.
Carson.

Sept. 9th 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official.

"Please send immediately Ordinary accounts for June and July." It is absolutely necessary that these accounts should be forwarded at the earliest possible moment.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

Telegram

Pope, Cole & Co.

57 South Gay St. Baltimore.

Sept. 9th 1875.

At what price will you furnish twenty tons of best ingot copper for Carson Mint.

M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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O. H. La Grange Esqr. Sept. 9th 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.

San Francisco,

Sir:

Your letter of the 25 ultimo. transmitting detailed statement of abraided coins received, is this day received.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Actg. Director.

O. H. La Grange Sept. 10th 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.

San Francisco,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate bill of Myers Powers & Weightman for 500 lbs corrosive sublimate shipped your Mint on the 6th inst. the original of which has been approved, and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for contingent expenses of the San Francisco Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Actg. Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr. September 10th 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd inst. enclosing receipt of the Assistant Treasurer, for $500.000 in gold coin transferred from your Bullion Fund to the Treasurer of the United States is received.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis,

Actg. Director.

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Telegram

Superintendent, Mint.

September 10th 1875

San Francisco,

Can you spare two hundred thousand in gold for transfer to Treasury, to be returned to you in ten days, without interfering with prompt payment to depositors. Answer.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq.

September 10th 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco,

Sir.

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official. "Can you spare two hundred thousand in gold for transfer to Treasury, to be returned to you in ten days, without interfering with the prompt payment of depositors."

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Messrs Pope Cole & Co.

September 10th 1875.

Baltimore,

Gentlemen:

You will please ship at the lowest attainable through freight rates to the "U. S. Mint Carson City, Nevada" twenty (20) tons of your best Ingot Copper at the price stated in your letter of the 9th instant viz: 23¼ cents per pound, transmitting your bill in duplicate with B/L to this Office for payment.

I would be pleased to have you if entirely convenient to do so, prepay the freight and charge the amount of the same in your bill. The time in which you propose to ship the copper is entirely satisfactory.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acty Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

September 10th 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia,

Sir:

The enclosed letter and circular have been sent to this Office, for an explanation as to why the Mint refused to exchange the coin referred to therein.
Not knowing the circumstances in the case, I respectfully refer it to you, with the request that the explanation be sent to this Office, and the letter and circular returned therewith.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock

September 10th 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia,

Sir:

Yours of the 9th inst. enclosing estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year 1876-77, has been received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,

Sept. 10th 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia,

Sir:

Referring to pages 47-8-9. of the last annual report of the Director of the Mint, Will you be kind enough to forward a statement of any foreign coins, the values of which have been determined by assay at your Mint during the last fiscal year, and which are not embraced in the Report referred to.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Similar letter addressed to

Thos. C. Acton Esqr.
Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York,

Thos. C. Acton Esqr.
Supt. U.S. Assay Office.

September 10th 1875.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 9th instant, forwarding triplicate C/D. no. 749 of the Asst. Treas. U.S. at New York, for two thousand, seven hundred and fifty-seven $\frac{51}{100}$. ($2757\frac{51}{100}$) dollars, being the unexpended balances of the appropriations for salaries and wages for fiscal year ended June. 30. 1875. You will please deposit the balance of the appropriation for contingent Expenses for the same year — 2117.$\frac{05}{}$

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esqr.
Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York,

September 10th 1875.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to forward at your earliest convenience, your estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1877.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg. Director.

Similar letter addressed to

W. F. Bonzano Esqr.
Supt. Mint U.S.
New Orleans.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esqr.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York City,

Sept. 10th 1875.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expenses Account for the Month of August 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Jas. Crawford Esqr

Supt. Mint U.S.
Carson, Nevada,

September 10th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ultimo. making requisition for Twenty (20) Tons Baltimore Copper is received.

Messrs Pope Cole & Co have this day been directed to ship the same.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Jas. Crawford Esqr.

Supt. Mint U.S.
Carson,

September 10th 1875.

Sir,

Please forward without delay, your estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1877, and Deficiency Estimates for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Actg. Director.

Similar letter addressed to

O. H. La Grange Esq.

Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco,

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A. J. Wolters Esq

Sept. 10th 1875.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office Boise

Sir:

Please forward your estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1877.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint.

September 11th 1875.

Carson, Nevada,

How soon can you send detailed statement of the amount retained by you from purchase of One million five hundred thousand dollars Doré, made June eighth.

Is young Lynch dangerously ill. Answer.

M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

September, 11th, 1875.

Superintendent Mint U. S.
Carson,

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"How soon can you send detailed statement of the amount retained by you from purchase of One million five hundred thousand Dollars Doré, made June eighth.

Is young Lynch dangerously ill."

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

September 11th 1875.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 10th inst. enclosing C/D. of the Asst. Treas. U. S. at Philadelphia no. 2533 for $31.950.26 being a portion of the unexpended balance of the appropriations for the fiscal year ended June. 30. 1875. and have forwarded the same to the Secretary of the Treasury. Your Requisition for the current month has been approved by the First Comptroller.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis.
Actg. Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York,

September 11th 1875.

Sir:

I have yours of yesterday countermanding the order for the Adams and Slickney Gas Governor.

This Office was under the same impression as yourself, that the Supervising Architect would bear the expense out of some appropriation for Public Buildings, and their application, after ascertaining that your contingent fund would have to bear it, was left entirely to your option.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow,

September 11th, 1875.

Secretary the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith C/D No. 2533 of the Asst. Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia for Thirty-one thousand, nine hundred and fifty 96/100 (31,950.96) Dollars, being a portion of the unexpended balances of the appropriations for the Support of the U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, for the fiscal year ending, June, 30. 1875.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
W. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Messrs Pope, Cole & Co.

September 13th, 1875.

Baltimore Md.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 11th instant is received, and reply would state that full instructions for shipping copper will be sent you to morrow.

Very respectfully,
W. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Hon James Pollock,

September 13th 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia,

Sir:

I have yours of the 11th inst, returning Mr. Regnaults letter in reference to the exchange of small coins, and have referred the same to the Secretary of the Treasury.

It was generally supposed here that the coins were three cent silver pieces.

Very respectfully;
W. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

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O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt Mint U. S.

San Francisco,

Sept. 13th 1875.

Sir:

I have yours of the 3rd inst. relative to an original receipt for $500.000 in Gold transferred to the Treasury from the bullion fund of your Mint.

On the day of its reception, the receipt was sent to the Secretary, as requested in your letter.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco,

September 13th 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information Duplicate Bill Lading for 500. pounds corrosive sublimate shipped you on the 6th instant by Messrs Powers & Weightman Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer Esqr.

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint

Denver, Colorado.

September 13th, 1875.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense Account for August 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Actg. Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Albert Wolters Esqr.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Boise City Idaho.

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Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. Mint the U.S.
Philadelphia.

September 13th, 1875

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will render in accordance with the form enclosed herewith a detailed record of the Doré Silver purchased by the Superintendent of the Mint of the U.S. at Carson and sent to Philadelphia to be refined. In making your recapitulation of the same, you will state the coining value of the Gold, the value of the Silver @ 119 per Oz in gold coin, the Net value, as per Philadelphia Assay. You will also give the Invoiced value of the gold & Silver contained, and make a full explanation of the difference between the value as determined by assay at your Mint, and the Invoiced value.

Your early attention is solicited.

Very respectfully,
W. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Albert Wolters Esqr.

Assayer U.S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

September 13th, 1875.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the Expenses of your Office during the current month has been approved for the sum of $613.13 from the following appropriations:

Salaries	1876	$407.60
Wages of Workmen	"	122.20
Contingent Expenses	"	83.33

Very respectfully,
W. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Jacob F. L. Schirmer Esqr. September 13th 1875

Assay in charge,
Denver Mint.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $2.354.00, from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$849.—
Wages of Workmen	"	1.005.—
Contingent Expenses	"	500.—

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
(Acting) Director.

James Crawford Esqr. September 13th, 1875.

Supt. U.S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your Requisition for the sum of $5.000.00 to meet additional expenses for the current month has been approved for the amount desired, from the following appropriation, viz:

Contingent Expenses	1876.	$5.000.—

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint Sept. 13th 1875.

Carson, Nevada,

Should copper be shipped to you direct, or care of Earl Sacramento. Will have freight paid here and save difference between coin and currency.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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James Crawford Esqr.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Carson,

Sept. 13th 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made official: "Should copper be shipped to you direct, or care of Earl Sacramento. Will have freight paid here and save difference between coin and currency."

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

Superintendent Mint U. S.

Carson,

September 13th, 1875.

Sir:

Yours of the 2d inst. enclosing Statement of Operations in M & R's Dept. for the month of August, has been recieved.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Carson,

September 13th 1875.

Sir:

I have yours of the 4th inst, enclosing statements of Operations for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

September 13th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York,

Sir:

I have yours of the 11th inst. enclosing statement of Assay of foreign coins for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer Esqr.

September 13th 1875.

Supt U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colorado,

Sir:

I have received the "List of Officers, clerks and workmen of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col." transmitted on the 8th inst. and have forwarded the same to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Similar letters addressed to

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

James Crawford Esqr.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

Telegram

Superintendent, Mint.
San Francisco.

Sept 14th 1875.

Have you sent List of Employes for Treasury Register. Printer waiting for your Report.

M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

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O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt. Mint U.S.

San Francisco.

September 14th 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official: "Have you sent List of Employes for Treasury Register. Printer waiting for your Report."

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendent, Mint

San Francisco,

September 14th 1875.

"Telegram received. The two hundred thousand gold will not be needed, owing to other arrangements.

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt. Mint U.S.

San Francisco.

September 14th 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official: "Telegram received. The two hundred thousand gold will not be needed, owing to other arrangements."

Very respectfully.

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

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Superintendent, Mint

September 14th 1875.

Carson, Nevada

Detailed statement of Bullion parted at Philadelphia on one Million five hundred thousand purchase, will be mailed you within ten days.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

Sept. 14th 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson,

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official: "Detailed statement of bullion parted at Philadelphia on one Million five hundred thousand purchase, will be mailed you within ten days."

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

F. H. Sherman Esqr.

September 14th 1875.

Augusta, Maine.

Sir:

I have yours of the 11th inst., Enclosing, One Dollar and fifty cents in currency for one Trade Dollar and Twenty cent piece, and referred the same to the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, from whom an answer may be expected.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sept. 14th 1875.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish this Office with the Monthly Statements of Bullion Operations, in the Melter and Refiner's Department of the Mint at Phil., for July and August, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock.

Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

September 14th 1875.

Sir:

I have yours of yesterday in relation to the table of Foreign Coins &c. The table has been completed at this Office, and the value of the silver coins based on the Trade Dollar, which basis of valuation was decided upon in making up the circular of Foreign Coins issued on the 1st of January 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

Supt. of the Mint
Carson, Nev.

September 14th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst., enclosing Statements of Gold and Silver Bullion operated on by the Melter and Refiner of the Mint at Carson, has been received at this Office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Jas. Crawford Esqr. September 14th 1875.

Supt. of the Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst., transmitting Statements of Gold & Silver Bullion operated on, in the Coiner's Department, of the Mint at Carson, has been received at this Office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esqr. September 15th 1875.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers of the department for adjustment your supplemental account of Ordinary Expenditures during the fiscal year ended June 30. 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon September 15th, 1875.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the supplemental a/c of Ordinary Expenses of the Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for the fiscal year ending June, 30. 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow,

Secretary of the Treasury,

September 15th 1875.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of One hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for the transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully

W. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia,

September 15th 1875.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 14th instant, I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your mint to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation to be paid from Silver Profits.

Very respectfully

W. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Telegram

Pope, Cole & Co.

57 South Gay st.

Baltimore,

September 15th 1875.

Can you make contract for through freight on copper direct to Carson, and not to Earl, Sacramento as heretofore.

Answer.

W. V. Davis

Acting Director.

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Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co. September 15th 1875.

Baltimore Md.

Gentlemen:

Your telegram of current date is received. Should you be able to arrange with the Rail-Road Company, to ship direct to Carson at through freight rates you will mark the Casks of copper "U. S. Mint, Carson Nevada," but in case you cannot obtain through rates to Carson, you will mark and ship them to "J. C. Sacramento Calª."

You will please procure Bill-Lading and receipt for freight prepaid by you in duplicate, and forward the same with your account to this Office.

Very Respectfully
W. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr. September 16th 1875.

Supt Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir.

Yours of the 8th inst. enclosing List of Officers, Clerks and Employes of your Mint, has been received.

Very respectfully
W. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Superintendent, Mint. September 16th 1875.

San Francisco,

You had better hold yourself in readiness to transfer two hundred thousand in gold to Treasury if called upon.

W. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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C. H. L. Granger Esqr.

September 16th 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made official: "You had better hold yourself in readiness to transfer two hundred thousand in Gold to Treasury, if called upon."

Very respectfully

Wm. V. Davis

Acting Director.

H. C. Hickok Esqr.

September 16th 1875.

Acting Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia,

Sir:

I have yours of yesterday, enclosing statements of Deposits, Bars &c, for the month of August 1875.

Very respectfully

Wm. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Telegram

Pope Cole & Co.

September 16th 1875.

57 South Gay st. Baltimore.

Accept through freight rates to Carson.

Wm. V. Davis

Acting Director.

C. J. Cowles Esqr.

September 17th 1875.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully called to the letter of this Office under date of August 6th 1875.

Very respectfully

Wm. V. Davis

Actg. Director.

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James Crawford Esqr.

Supt. Mint U.S.

Carson, Nevada.

September 17th 1875

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th instant transmitting Invoice of 56 unparted bars shipped the Superintendant of the Mint at Philadelphia, is recieved.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt. U.S. Mint

San Francisco.

September 17th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers, of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the First Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,

First Auditor,

September 17th 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense account, of the Assayer in Charge, of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Col., for the Month of August, 1875.

Very respectfully,

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

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Jacob F. L. Schirmer Esqr.

September 17th 1875.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers of the Department, for adjustment your Ordinary Expense account for August, 1875.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock.

September 17th, 1875

Supt. of the Mint
at Philadelphia,

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th instant, transmitting Statements of Gold and Silver melting and of Bullion operations in the Melter and Refiner's department of the Mint at Philadelphia, has been recieved at this Office,

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,

September 17th, 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir.

I transmit herewith original Invoice of fifty six (56) unparted bars shipped you on the 9th instant per Wells Fargo & co's Express by the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
acting Director.

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H. C. Hickok Esqr.

September 17th 1875.

Acting Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

Sir:

Referring to the Directors letter of June 9. 1875, authorizing and instructing the Superintendent of the Mint, at Philadelphia, to melt the old copper cents in the redemption fund, and sell the copper resulting therefrom. Will you be kind enough to inform this Office, whether any action was taken in compliance with the Director's instructions, and if so, to forward a statement showing the difference between the nominal value of the coins before melting, and the amount realized.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

September 17th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York,

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to forward a statement showing the amount of Sweeps sold during the fiscal year ended June 30. 1875., and the difference between their assay value, and the amount realized.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Actg. Director.

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James Crawford Esqr.

Supt. Mint U.S.

Carson,

Sept. 18th 1875.

Sir:

I have yours of the 11th inst. enclosing Statement showing the amount of Subsidiary Silver coin exchanged for Gold coins at par, during the fiscal year ended June 30. 1875.

"Were there no subsidiary silver coins issued in payment for silver contained in gold deposits, during the same period?

Very respectfully

W. V. Davis

Acting Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

Supt. Mint The U.S.

Carson Nevada,

September 18th 1875.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of July, is this day received.

I will thank you to render and forward to this Office without delay, your account for the month of June 1875.

Very respectfully

W. V. Davis

Actg. Director.

James Crawford Esq.

Supt. Mint, U.S.

Carson,

Sept. 18th 1875.

Sir:

Yours of the 11th inst. enclosing statement of bars shipped to the Philadelphia Mint on that day, has been recieved.

Very respectfully

W. V. Davis

Acting Director.

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James Crawford Esqr.

Supt. Mint, U.S.

Carson,

Sept. 18th 1875.

Sir.

I have yours of the 11th inst., Enclosing Statement of Doré bullion retained for coinage at your Mint, from the $1.500.000. purchased by you, June 8. 1875.

Very respectfully

W. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co.

Baltimore, Md.

September 18th 1875.

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 17th instant, transmitting in duplicate Invoice and Bill Lading for copper shipped by you to the U. S. Mint, at Carson Nevada, is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, and in the course of a few days a draft for the amount ($5.390.00) will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully

W. V. Davis

Acting Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Calif.

Sept. 18th 1875.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of August 1875, is this day received.

Very respectfully

W. V. Davis

Acting Director

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Jas. Crawford Esqr.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson, Nev.

September 18th 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate Invoice and Bill Lading for 20.000 lbs ingot copper shipped your Mint by Mssrs Pope, Cole & Co. Baltimore.

I have approved the account of Mssrs Pope, Cole & Co, and referred the same to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment of the amount ($5.390.) to be made from the appropriation for contingent Expenses of the U. S. Mint Carson for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Actg. Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint

San Francisco,

September 20th 1875.

Send Statement immediately of amounts paid to date for construction and equipment of Refinery, and all unpaid bills against the same.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco.

September 20th 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made Official. "Send Statement immediately of amounts paid to date for construction and equipment of Refinery, and all unpaid bills against the same"

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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O. H. La Grange Esqr. September 20th 1875

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

You will please forward to this Office without delay, the a/c current and pay-rolls belonging to the Refinery construction account for the Month of June, 1875, mailed you for correction on July, 23, 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent, Mint September 20th 1875.

San Francisco.

Action on all nominations and proposed increase of compensation from August thirtieth to date is withheld until official notification has been received of reduction of force proposed in your telegram of thirteenth instant.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr. September 20th 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Action on all nominations and proposed increase of compensation from August thirtieth to date, is withheld untill Official notification has been received of reduction of force proposed in your telegram of thirteenth instant."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

September 20th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary Expense a/c for August, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

September 20th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York

Sir:

I have yours of the 18th inst., transmitting classified statement of deposits for the month of August, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent, Mint

Sept. 20th 1875.

Carson, Nevada,

Send ordinary account for June immediately, answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

Sept. 20th 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson,

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made Official: "Send Ordinary account for June immediately. answer."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford Esqr. September 20th 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.

Carson,

Sir:

I have yours of the 13th inst., enclosing Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter and fiscal year ended June 30. 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford Esqr. September 20th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department Voucher No. 288, corrected, of your ordinary Expense a/c for May, and corrected bill for Voucher No. 272, transmitted on the 11th inst., I will thank you to forward at the earliest possible moment, Voucher No. 76, bill of F. D. Hetrich, for traveling Expenses, and also, your Ordinary a/c for June. So that your a/c can be settled for the fiscal year ended June, 30. 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock September 20th 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information Invoice of unparted bars shipped you by Superintendent U. S. Mint Carson per Wells Fargo & Co, Express on the 11th instant.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow.

September 20th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of One hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in subsidiary silver coin, to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from "Silver Profit Fund".

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

September 20th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 18th instant, I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of One hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint, to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation to be paid, by you from "Silver Profit Fund."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Telegram

Superintendent

Sept. 20th 1875.

Assay Office, New York,

Report by letter the condition of the Silver Market, quantity of fine bars probably obtainable and price.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Thos. C. Acton Esq.

September 20th 1875

Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official: "Report by letter the condition of the Silver market, quantity of fine bars probably obtainable, and price."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

September 20th 1875.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I enclose herewith Voucher No. 288 of the Ordinary Expense a/c of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Carson City Nev. for the Month of May, 1875. also, a corrected bill for Voucher No. 272 of the same account.

I also enclose a copy of a letter from the Superintendent under date of Sept 11. 1875. explaining the delay in transmitting Voucher no. 76.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,

September 20th 1875.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense a/c of the Superintendent of the U.S. Assay Office at New York, for the Month of August, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs Morgan & Orr,
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 20th 1875.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 17th instant enclosing in duplicate your bill for 72 Copper canisters shipped the U.S. Mint at San Francisco is received.

Your account has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount ($1.236.00) will be sent you

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.
Supt. Mint The U.S.
San Francisco.

September 20th 1875.

Sir.

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate bill of Messrs Morgan & Orr. for 72 copper canisters shipped you on the 16th instant, the Original of which has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for contingent Expenses, of the U.S. Mint, at San Francisco, for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.
Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco.

September 20th 1875.

Sir;

On the 9th of July last, Messrs Powers & Weightman of Philadelphia shipped you, via Baltimore and Ohio R.R, four porcelain jars obtained by their London correspondent

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from Messrs Johnson & Matthey. They also sent you Original and duplicate bill of Lading.

Will you be kind enough to inform me whether the jars have been recieved, and whether they are in use in the Refinery at the present time. I enclose a copy of the bill of Lading retained in this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

P.S. The Pots referred to should be looked up, and tested at once & result of trial reported to this Office. Please remember that the pots herein referred to have no connection with the lot purchased in London and consisting of pots of various sizes & attachments

H. R. L.

O. H. La Grange Esqr — September 20th 1875.

Supt Mint U.S.
San Francisco Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant enclosing Original receipt of the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco for $500,000 transferred from the bullion fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the United States is received

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford Esqr. — September 21st 1875.

Supt U.S. Mint, Carson.

Sir:

I have yours of the 14th inst., enclosing statements showing the movement of subsidiary silver coin for the month of August 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. U. Mahon

First Auditor.

September 21st 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense a/c of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the month of August, 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Albert Wolters Esqr.

September 21st 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary Expense a/c for the month of August, 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

W. H. Sams Esqr.

September 21st 1875.

Treas B & O. R. R. Co

Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Your favor of the 20th instant enclosing check on Citizens National Bank Baltimore for $355.61 being amount of overcharges on 15 casks copper shipped in July 1874, from New York to the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, is received.

I return herewith vouchers in duplicate duly receipted.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers

September 21st 1875.

#1004 Walnut st.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith voucher #78 of the Refinery construction account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month of July 1875, the same being your bill for traveling, and other expenses while at San Francisco, with the request that you will make Affidavit as to the correctness of the same before some Notary Public as required in the last clause of the 2nd section of Treasury Department circular No. 74, and for which a charge of One dollar 14/100 ($1.14) is made in your bill.

I would also respectfully call your attention to the first clause of the 2nd section of the same circular, which requires that Hotel bills and receipts shall be taken in all cases where it is practicable to obtain them, and would request that you will furnish, if possible, a receipted bill for the item of hotel expense (69 days @ $5. per diem) charged in the bill. I enclose a copy of the circular referred to.

You will please return the bill properly certified at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

September 21st 1875.

Supt U.S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to voucher #32 of your Refinery construction account for the month of June, 1875, the same being bill of Frank D. Hetrich for traveling expenses, I have to inform you, that it will be necessary for Mr. Hetrich to furnish a receipted bill for the item of 23 days expenses in Philadelphia

@ $5.00 per diem, as required by the second section of Treasury Department circular #74, a copy of which is herewith enclosed you. You will please see that this is furnished and forwarded to this Office as soon as practicable, in order that your Refinery Accounts may be referred to the accounting Officers for Examination and Settlement.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford Esqr.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

September 21st 1875.

Sir:

I have to inform you that I have recieved from the Treasurer of the Baltimore, and Ohio Rail Road Company, the sum of $355.61 on account of Overcharges on 15 casks copper shipped by G. B. Newton Esqr. New York, to your mint in July 1874, and which I have deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, as a repayment to the credit of the appropriation for contingent Expenses of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson Nevada for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875, thus making the same subject to your Official requisition for the payment of any unpaid liabilities incurred by you on account of contingent Expenses during the fiscal year, ended June 30th 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco,

Sept. 22nd 1875.

On the ninth of July four porcelain pots obtained from London were shipped you by Baltimore and Ohio Road, and bills of Lading forwarded by Powers and Weightman. Have you received the pots. You are authorized to have two gold Siphons manufactured as proposed in your letter of Eleventh instant.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow, September 22nd 1875.

Secretary the Treasury,

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson Nevada, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of Eight hundred and eighty eight thousand, one hundred and ninety seven 65/100 Dollars ($888.197.65) payable in 445450.60. ozs Doré Silver purchased by the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson and refined at the Mint Philadelphia, and containing gold of the coining value of $385.108.76. and Silver of the value of $503.088.89.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles Esqr. September 22nd 1875.

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Assayer &c U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte N.C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant, enclosing certificate of deposit for $1.75 being balance due on your bullion account is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr September 22nd 1875.

Supt. Mint the U. S.
San Francisco Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th instant reporting the result of an examination and count made by you on the 31st ultimo of the moneys on hand at that date, is received. In future you will report to this Office the result of your monthly examination, and count, on the day upon which it is made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange Esqr.

September 22nd 1875

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco,

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"On the 9th of July four porcelain pots obtained from London, were shipped you by Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road and bills of Lading forwarded by Powers & Weightman. Have you received the pots? You are authorized to have two gold siphons manufactured as proposed in your letter of Eleventh instant."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

September 22nd 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Sulphuric acid is now obtained in New York, Cincinnati, Cleveland, St. Louis, and San Francisco, at about two cents per pound. While it is not to be expected that the article cannot be manufactured as cheaply at Carson, as at the localities above stated, it appears to me that there should be some concession from the rates paid during the last year, and unless some concession can be obtained it is not at all probable that Congress will consider favorably an application for the enlargement of your Mint. You will please give the above suggestion proper consideration in connection with your arrangements for future supplies of Acids.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Jas. Crawford Esqr.

Supt. Mint U.S.

Carson, Nevada.

September 22nd 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith comparative statement of the Doré Silver purchased by you on government account and refined at the mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia on the basis of which final settlement with the sellers of the bullion, will be made, and this Office advised accordingly.

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a draft to be issued for the transfer of $888.197.65 from the bullion fund of the mint at Carson, to that of the mint at Philadelphia, the net value in gold coin of the bullion above referred to.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

First Auditor

September 22 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco for the month of July, 1875.

Your attention is respectfully called to an item of $85.71 for hotel expenses in the bill of F. H. Gassaway, Voucher #21, for which no receipted bill is enclosed.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Thomas C. Acton Esqr.

September 21st 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to purchase fine silver bullion to the extent of Two Hundred and fifty thousand ounces at the lowest market rate and not exceeding one dollar twenty two and a quarter cents (1.22¼ cents) per ounce fine.

Payment to be made in Gold coin from the Bullion Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman,
Director The Mint.

Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

September 22nd 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In the concluding paragraph of your letter of 20th inst., you state that by public purchases the Government has paid fully from 1 c to 1½ c per ounce more than it would have done by taking the surplus above the manufacturers demand, from any one controlling house, and by which, I suppose you refer to purchases made in New York, and not elsewhere.

It seems hardly probable, that the purchase by the Government of only about 125,000 ounces per month could affect the price to the extent of 1 per cent. I can well understand that if any one house had virtually the control of the matter, and the Government no fixed purchasing rate, how such house could procure and have refined at the Assay Office the various grades of unrefined bullion, and especially what is termed base bullion, at a considerable discount, and probably undersell the market to the extent indicated by you; but the amount procurable under such a mode would fall far short of meeting our demands for coinage, and besides it would subject the Government to criticism.

On stating my views as above, it affords

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me pleasure to add that a comparison of the rates paid by you, with the London rates show the interests of the Government to have been fully protected

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint
San Francisco,

September 22" 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Account for July, 1875.

The attention of the Auditor has been directed to an item of $85.71 for hotel expenses in the bill of Mr. F. H. Gassaway, voucher #21, for which no receipted bill is enclosed, as required by Department circular No. 74.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
late Assayer, U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte N. C.

September 22" 1875.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully directed to the letter from this Office under date of September, 7. 1875, instructing you to deposit the sum of $174.96 the same being the balance remaining in your hands of the appropriation for contingent Expences at the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. for the fiscal year ended June, 30. 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton Esqr.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York.

Sept. 22nd 1875.

Sir:

In your melt ~~and~~ and assay of the last lot of Doré bullion transferred to you from the Mint at San Francisco, the net value of the Gold falls short something over $9000 on the consolidated Virginia Assay. As the assays of the same class of bullion, from the same mine at the Mints at San Francisco, Carson, and Philadelphia agree pretty uniformly, and fall but slightly below the consolidated Virginia Assay, the sellers claim that there must be some mistake in the assays of your Office.

Your official statement of melting and assay was received at San Francisco two days before I left for the East, and my attention was called to it, by the President of the Company, to whom I stated, that on my return, the matter should be looked into. In order to save time I have concluded to send Mr. Davis and Mr Eckfeldt of this Office, to go over the matter with yourself, the Assayer and the Melter and Refiner, with a view to determine the cause or causes of the difference in value referred to.

From what Mr. Mason stated to me when I was last in New-York, in respect to the increased capacity for refining and parting, which would be attained by the occupation of the rooms formerly used by Clews & Co, and Howes & Macy, I was somewhat surprised to learn that the parting of the last lot of Doré bullion, would not be completed before the 1st of December I should like to have an explanation on the subject.

You will also instruct the Melter and Refiner to present a statement showing the sources from whence his surplus bullion, as shown by the last settlement was derived.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow. September 23rd 1875.

Secretary The Treasury,

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, Sept. 23rd 1875.

Supt. Mint The U. S.
Philadelphia,

Sir.

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 22d inst., I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $100.000. in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation to be paid by you from "Silver Profit Fund".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr. September 23 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco,

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th instant enclosing monthly statements for August 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow.

September 23rd 1875.

Secretary The Treasury

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of Three hundred thousand dollars ($300000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for the transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from the Silver Profit Fund"

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Sept. 23rd 1875.

Supt. Mint The U. S.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information Original Invoice of unparted bars shipped you per Wells Fargo & Co Express, on the 14th instant by Superintendent U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

September 23rd 1875.

Supt. Mint The U. S.

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant enclosing Original and duplicate Invoice of unparted bars shipped by you on 14th instant per Wells Fargo & Co Express to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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O. H. LaGrange Esqr.

September 23rd 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of Three hundred thousand dollars ($300.000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the San Francisco Mint, to the Treasurer The United States, the charges for the transportation thereof to be paid by you from Silver Profits.

I enclose herewith copy of correspondence between the Treasurer The U.S. and Wells Fargo & Co's Express, by which you will be governed in the payment of freight to the points indicated on tranfer drafts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

R. C. Kemmey Esqr.

September 23rd 1875.

Frankford Road & Huntington St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please inform me whether you manufacture stone ware pots that will stand heating by steam to the degree required in the dissolving of silver in refining or parting Gold & Silver by the nitric acid process. If so, what are the size of the pots, price &c, and how long before you could furnish say 50 pots of the Largest size.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

San Francisco.

Sept. 23rd 1875.

Stone ware Pots manufactured in Philadelphia are claimed to be equal to Porcelain for refining. Will have them tested at Philadelphia Mint and if satisfactory a number will be sent you.

H. R. Linderman

Director The Mint.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco.

September 23rd 1875.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is made Official, Viz: "Stone Ware Pots manufactured in Philadelphia are claimed to be equal to Porcelain for refining. Will have them tested at Philadelphia Mint, and if satisfactory a number will be sent you."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. La Grange Esqr.

Supt Mint U. S.

San Francisco,

September 25th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant reporting purchases of Doré Silver as follows is received.

Augt.	26th	75	From J. T. Milliken,	1,711.90 ozs	@ 121¼
"	27th	"	Anglo Calo Bank,	7,690.20 "	@ 121¼
Sept.	2nd	"	Wells Fargo & Co,	34,722.40 "	@ 120
"	"	"	Wm. H. Tompkins	4,964.60 "	@ 121¼

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers

September 23rd 1875.

1004 Walnut St
Philadelphia,

Sir.

The four experimental porcelain Pots which were procured from Mattey & Johnson, London, through Messrs Powers & Weightman, and forwarded from Philadelphia by Baltimore & Ohio. R. R. Co, July 9th 1875, to the U. S. Mint San Francisco, have not arrived, and the Superintendent telegraphs that no Bills of Lading were received, by him for the same.

I think it not improbable that these B/L were turned over to you or A. B. Linderman, at San Francisco, and may possibly be among the Refinery papers.

In conversation with Dr. Bonyans to day, he expressed the opinion that some stone Ware pots, something of the character of porcelain, which he saw at Savage Keyser & Stovell Acid works would stand the heat in Refining by the Nitric Acid process, and answer for that purpose very well. I will be greatly obliged if you will examine these Pots, and any others manufactured or in use about Philadelphia, and see if they will answer for Refining at San Francisco.

It is important to add to our dissolving capacity at San Francisco as early possible.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esqr.

September 24th 1875.

Supt Mint of the U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June, 30, 1875, are received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director

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H. C. Hickok Esqr

Actg. Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia.

September 24th 1875.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday submitting for my consideration bid of Joseph Wharton for furnishing 5000 lbs Nickel @ $3.25 per lb, currency, for the pure Nickel, to be determined by the mint assay. Before acting upon this bid I desire information on the following points.

1st. What quantity of Nickel is there now on hand at the Mint including the old nickel cents,

2nd. What amount of one cent bronze and 3 & 5 cent Nickel coins are there now in the Mint including those in the Redemption Fund.

The coinage of the 3 & 5 cent pieces was suspended by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, three or four months ago, and cannot be resumed without his authority for so doing.

Under date of the 11th instant the Assistant Treasurer, at New York, advised the Secretary that $10.000 in 5 cent Nickel pieces, and $4.000 in one cent bronze pieces could readily be spared, and transferred to the Mint. Would it not be well to have these coins transferred and reissued.

Our policy is to allow the surplus minor coins accumulated at differents points to be redistributed, and coin only such amounts as may be actually required to add to the accumulation referred to, and to meet such demands as may be made upon us.

Of course it will be well for the Mint to be provided with a reasonable quantity of Nickel to meet any increased demand for minor coins which may arise in the future.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

Supt. Mint U.S.

Carson, Nevada,

September 24th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant transmitting estimate for deficiency appropriations for the support of your mint for the current fiscal year is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Carson, Nevada

September 24th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant enclosing estimate for appropriations required for the support of the mint of the U. S. at Carson for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1877. is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford Esqr.

Supt Mint of the U. S.

Carson, Nevada,

Sept. 24th 1875

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the Month of June, 1875. is this day received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Telegram

M. V. Davis

Care U. S. Assay Office
New York,

September 24th 1875

San Francisco did not make chip assays, approximate value was determined and paid on consolidated Virginia Stamps — at Carson Philadelphia lot only a part was chip assayed.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent

Sept. 25th 1875.

Mint San Francisco.

Forward immediately estimate for crucibles as requested in letter of August eighteenth.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

C. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Sept. 25th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram was sent you this day.

"Forward immediately estimate for crucibles as requested in letter of August eighteenth."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — Sept. 25th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Be pleased to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in Subsidiary Silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for the transportation thereof to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman,
Director.

H. C. Hickok Esq. — Sept. 25th 1875.

Actg Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 24th inst. I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $100.000. in Subsidiary Silver Coin to be transferred from the bullion fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the United States, - charges for transportation thereof to be paid by you from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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H. C. Hickok, Esq.

Actg Director of the Mint
Philadᵃ Pa.

Sept. 25th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. states that the old copper cuts on hand June 23d last, $2.785, were turned over to the Melter and Refiner, and by that Officer used in the manufacture of the bronze coinage. Please inform me in what manner the Redemption Fund has been re-imbursed the amount taken from it as above, also, please give the entries made in the Books of the Mint covering the transaction.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent,

Sept. 25th 1875.

Mint, Philadᵃ Pa.

Pay Dr. Benzano's expenses from your contingent fund.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

H. C. Hickok, Esq.

Sept. 25th 1875.

Actg Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is made official.

"Pay Dr. Benzano's expenses from your contingent fund."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Mr. L. E. Alexander

Cashier The Mercantile Bank
St. Louis.

Washington, Sept. 25th 1875.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 22d inst. to the manager of the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia for certain information in relation to the coinage has been referred to this office.

I send you by today's mail a copy of my last Annual Report in which you will find as much of the information requested as can be given you at this time.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Thos. L. Acton

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

Sept. 25th 1875.

Sir:

Invoices of Merchandise imported from Cuba are made out in Dollars. The dollar is assumed to be the ½ of the Spanish Doubloon, gold.

Can you procure for me a fair specimen of the Cuban Gold Dollar so called. Some House engaged in the Custom Trade can no doubt aid you in complying with my request. My object is to ascertain precisely the Standard Weight and fineness of the latest coinage of the Spanish Doubloon & from which the value of that piece & the dollar in U. S. money of a/c can be ascertained.

I should like also two specimens of the new gold coin of Holland.

Truly Yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Mr. Joseph Wharton.
Box # 2786 P.O.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 25th 1875.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday. I have established a rule not to interfere in any way with the nomination or appointment of employés at the Mints, otherwise I should be glad to say a word in favor of Mr. Moyer, whom I believe to be an honest man, and a skilled Melter.

If the Melter & Refiner, and the Supt desire to employ Mr. Moyer, the same would be promptly approved by me.

With respect to the amount of nickel coin, likely to be used this year and next, I am of the opinion that the demand will be quite heavy next year. The demand for the five cent piece must necessarily be quite large whenever the substitution of silver coin for fractional currency is commenced.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sept. 25th 1875.

Sir:

Your supplemental account of Ordinary Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 25th 1875.

Sir:

The silver coinage at your Mint since the 1st of May has not been as large as we were led to expect from your letter of the 20th of April. Dr. Bonzano, whose written report has not yet been received, informs me that the difficulty respecting the preparation of ingots and which led to an unusual percentage of condemnation of ingot melts has been overcome.

This being the case there will be no difficulty with a full supply of bullion in determining between this time and the meeting of Congress, the actual capacity of the Mint for coinage with the present force.

The two principal Minting operations, as you are aware, are the bringing of crude bullion to standard, and its coinage. With standard bullion to operate upon, the coinage capacity of our Mints would appear to be ample for any demand likely to be made upon them; but the capacity for melting, refining, parting and ingot making appears to be insufficient.

With the view of obtaining full information on the points indicated as well as to ascertain what measures if any can be adopted to increase the Silver coinage at your Mint, I have instructed Messrs. Davis & Eckfeldt of this Office, to call upon you and together with yourself and the Operative Officers have a full conference and examination of the subject.

I would observe in this connection that

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the number of female employés appears to be considerably in excess of the work to be performed, and that a reduction of the number appears to be called for.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq. Sept. 25th 1875.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed letter to Superintendent Pollock indicates the points on which I desire to be fully and accurately informed & to which you & Mr. Eckfeldt will give careful inquiry and attention. You will examine – 1st. The capacity for deposit melting – 2d. The effectiveness of the Assay Dept. 3. Refining & parting capacity. – 4th. Capacity for alloying bullion & making of Ingots, capacity of annealing, rolling, cutting, adjusting, cleaning & stamping. In other words it is essential to know what the actual capacity of the Mint is and what measures, if any, can be adopted for increasing the coinage of silver. (at the Philadelp. Mint.)

I have heard indirectly that the coiner adjusts by hand the half dollar planchets. I left word with you to tell Mr. Snowden before starting for California, that in all coins except the Gold coins & Trade Dollar the assay pieces might be taken from those tested by the Superintendent in his trials previous to delivery. That mode of taking the piece for assay should remove all necessity for adjustment by hand or weighing lights and heavies.

I am particular to hurriedly indicate the foregoing points of inquiry as I shall not be

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able to visit the Mint for some time to come.

The question of the capacity of the Philada Mint will have to be met and answered early in the coming session of Congress, and the answer will be according to what it has done, & not what it can do. Impress that fact upon the minds of our friends.

Very Truly y'rs
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sept. 25th 1875.

Sir:

I have examined your Ordinary Expenses &c for the month of June 1875, and have to call your attention to the following items of expense contained therein.

In Voucher #355, bill of Jas. Crawford for traveling expenses, there is a charge of $36.— for hotel expenses; also an item of $10.— for the same in Voucher #354, bill of J. R. Hofer, and one of $6.00 for the same in Voucher #302, bill of O. H. Lai Grange.

It is necessary that receipted bills be furnished for these items as required by Circular No. 74, before the amounts can be allowed in the settlement of your accounts.

There is an overpayment of $1.95 in Voucher #387, bill of M. C. Isaacs & Co. for brushes. The amount of the bill is $53.50 which, with currency at 85¢ makes $62.94 currency, instead of $64.89 the amount paid.

There is also an overpayment of $0.58 in Voucher #382, bill of J. L. Beam for Cartage.

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the bill amounts to $116.– which with currency at 85¢ equals $136.47, instead of $137.05.

There is also an overpayment of $0.36, in Voucher #368 bill of J. Rosenstock for books &c. The amount of the bill is $26.50 which with currency at 86¢ equals $30.81 instead of $31.17 – the amount paid.

The sum of these overpayments will be disallowed in the settlement of your accounts.

Vouchers #314, #313, #367 and #401, are receipted by "Prentiss Selby, Special Administrator of the estate of Thos. H. Selby deceased." Evidence of the administratorship must be furnished this office before these bills can be allowed.

In Voucher #363, bill of J. G. Foy for stationery, the following charges are made, viz:

"1 Inkstand ——— $8.00

1 " 7.00 "

It is the custom of the Government to furnish its employés with plain substantial inkstands, and the purchase of such expensive articles seems unnecessary and the prices paid excessively high.

In Voucher #400, bill of the Lyon Mill & Mining Co. for acid, there is a charge of $42.00 made for 6 days wages of a Lead Burner @ $5.00 pr. day, and expenses ($12.00). You will please explain this item of expense.

Voucher #395, bill of W. M. R. Johnson for maps of the Comstock & Washoe mining claims, amounting to $66.56 does not seem to be a proper item of expense to be paid from your Contingent Fund. Hereafter you will please avoid expenditures like these which are not necessary to the proper conduct of your institution.

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I have to request that in all cases where bills for advertising are rendered that a copy of the advertisement accompany the bill; also, that where charges for advances are made on the bills of the Virginia & Truckee R. R. Co., that receipted bills of the companies to whom advances are made accompany the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq. — Sept. 25th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have your letter from Phila. of the 24th inst., in relation to the appointment of an assayer at your Mint.

As soon as you arrive at New Orleans you will give me your opinion as to the necessity, if any, of the appointment of an assayer, and as to the prospect of receiving any bullion for manufacture into stamped bars.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers — Sept. 27th 1875.

1004 Walnut St.
Philadelphia

Sir:

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. permit me to express my thanks for your very prompt action in the matter.

I shall await the result of the test being made by Prof. Booth with great interest.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon

First Auditor.

Sept. 27th 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. for the month of June, 1875.

Your attention is respectfully directed to an overpayment of $1.95 in Voucher #387. The amount of the bill is $53.50 gold, which with currency at 85% equals $62.94 instead of $64.81.

Also to an overpayment of $.58 of the same character in Voucher #382, and one of $0.36 in Voucher #368.

The Superintendent has been requested to furnish evidence of administration in the case of "Prentiss Selby special administrator of the estate of Thos. H. Selby, deceased," which will be forwarded to you as soon as it is received at this office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sept. 27th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th inst. enclosing duplicate certificate of deposit for $174.96 being amount of unexpended of appropriation for Contingent Expenses of Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for fiscal year ending June 30th 1875, is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Messrs. Thos. P. Miller & Co. Sept. 27th 1875.

#28 St. Francis St

Mobile Ala.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 21st inst. addressed to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia has been referred to this office.

If you send abraded coin (gold) to the Mint at Philadª, you will receive in return, or can have sent to your New York correspondents by Express a corresponding weight in new gold coin.

In order that you may fully understand the subject, I may state that the law provides for receiving coins abraded more than ½ per cent below their standard weight at their bullion value, and not their stamped value.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock Sept. 27th 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadª

Sir:

The Assistant Treasurers at Boston, Cincinnati and New York, having applied to the Secretary of the Treasury to be relieved of the minor coins accumulated in their respective offices, I will thank you to inform me whether you can receive, say, fifty thousand dollars of these coins for the purpose of re-issue. They consist principally of 3 and 5 cent pieces.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sept. 27th. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Account for August, 1875.

The attention of the Auditor has been directed to the amount of compensation paid Jas. Oglesby, Workman in the Assay Dept. for 26 days services at $5.50 per diem instead of $5.40 the amount approved. The amount overpaid ($2.60) will be disallowed.

In your communication of the 10th. inst. you enclose a bill for freight which you request be made a part of Voucher #112 of your Account for August. As I am unable to find any such Voucher in your August A/c (the last being #110) I presume you intended the same to go with your September Account and have held the same for that purpose. Please inform me what disposition I shall make of it.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.

Supt. &c. San Francisco.

Sept. 27th. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day received the official oaths of the following persons employed in the M. & R. Dept. of your Mint, viz:

Geo. A. Dall, Clerk
Jno. Finnegan, Keeper.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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C. H. Lafrange, Esq. Sept. 27th 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

You will please forward to this office without delay receipted bill for the item of sixty-nine days hotel expenses @ $5.00 per diem in voucher #78 of your Refinery Account for July, 1875.

Hereafter in all cases where bills are rendered containing charges for hotel accommodation, you will see that receipted bills are rendered for the same before payment is made, and that such receipts, showing the number of days and charge per diem, accompany your Accounts as sub-vouchers.

I would again request your immediate attention to letters from this office under date of July 23rd and Sept. 3d 1875, in order that some disposition may be made of your Refinery Accounts for June and July.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. C. Heickok, Esq. Sept. 27th 1875.
Actg Supt. &c. Philad.a Pa.

Sir:

I send today by Adams Express Co. a parcel of Zinc from the Refinery in St. Louis Mo. which I will thank you to cause to be carefully analyzed with a view to ascertain whether it is entirely free from Lead and other metals or substances which would render it unfit for use in the parting of Gold and Silver by the nitric acid process.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

Sept. 27th 1875.

Sir:

I have received the Oaths of Office of the following employe's of your Mint, viz:

James B. Alviso,	General Dept.
Jno. Drymen,	" "
Jno. O'Connor,	" "
Henry Blankman,	" "
E. Ruhling	Assayer's Dept.
Wm. H. Driscoll	Melter & Refiner's Dept.
Jos. J. Paul	" " "
G. E. Rice	" " "
V. R. Raymond	" " "
E. M. Hooper	" " "
Jos. Graham	" " "

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint Carson. Nev.

Sept. 27th 1875.

Did proposition of Duffy contain an offer for the Copper solution made at your Mint. answer.

H. R. Linderman,
Director Mint.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson, Nev.

Sept. 27th 1875.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is made official: "Did proposition of Duffy contain an offer for the Copper solution made at your Mint, answer."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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H. C. Hickok, Esq. Sept. 27th 1875.

Actg Supt. &c.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The statement of the coinage for the week ending the 25th inst. shows 5 cent copper-nickel coins to the amount of ($10.250) Ten thousand two hundred & fifty dollars, to have been coined. The coinage of 5 and 3 ¢ pieces having been directed to be intermitted by the Secretary of the Treasury from and after the 8th of May ultimo, and till further instructed, and no subsequent instructions having been issued so far as I am advised, I have to request that you will inform me under what authority the coinage of such pieces has been resumed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon Sept. 27th 1875.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense A/c of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month of August, 1875.

Your attention is respectfully directed to the compensation paid Jas. Oglesby, Workman in the Assay Dept. for 26 days services @ $5.50 per diem; The compensation allowed is $5.40 per diem, and I have to request that the amount overpaid ($2.60) be disallowed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

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Telegram.

Supt. Mint

Sept. 28th. 1875.

San Francisco.

In reporting coinage at close of month you will hereafter state at the same time amount respectively of Gold and Silver refined during the month.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Similar telegram sent to

Superintendent Mint

Carson.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Sept. 28th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is made official, viz:

"In reporting coinage at close of month you will hereafter state at the same time amount respectively of gold and silver refined during the month."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Carson

Nevada.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadᵃ. Pa.

Sept. 28th 1875.

Sir:

Enclosed find specimen of what is known to the commerce of this country, as the Cuban dollar, and in which Invoices of Merchandise imported into the United States from the Island of Cuba are stated. Please cause the specimen to be assayed and its weight, fineness, and value in U. S. money (gold) determined.

I shall be glad if the Assayer will state in his report the standard weight and fineness of the Spanish Doubloon or Onza, of which the enclosed coin appears to be a division (1/16).

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

P. S. If the Assayer can give me the information required as to the standard weight and fineness of the Spanish Doubloon, (when of full weight and fineness) and as to the Cuban Dollar, so called, being the 1/16 of the Doubloon, the specimen may be returned to me. H. R. L.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 28th 1875.

Sir:

You will hereafter at the close of each month forward to this office, a statement showing the amount of gold and silver respectively, parted at your Mint during the month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 28th 1875.

Sir:

The Officers of the National Association of Veterans of the Mexican War, desire to have prepared a Die, for a badge or medal, to be worn by the members of said association.

By reference to page 31, of Pamphlet B. herewith enclosed, the design for the Shield or medal will be seen. The medal is to be of the size and form as it appears in the Pamphlet, and must bear the emblems and inscriptions as they there appear.

You will please cause the Engraver to prepare the Die referred to. The work may be done at any time when the Engraver is not engaged in the ordinary work of his office, - and within, say, three or four months.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Please return the enclosures with the Die when prepared.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. &c. Philadelphia.

Sept. 28th 1875.

Sir:

Please inform me approximately of the amount of Silver Bullion you have on hand available for manufacture into Subsidiary Coin for, say, the month of October, - including the amount to be refined from the Bullion transferred to you from the Carson Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. &c.

Philadelphia.

Sept. 28th. 1875.

Sir:

The Hon. R. W. Tayler has on one or more occasions requested from me an estimate of the space required by the Mint in the International Exposition Building, - which information that gentleman desires in order to enable him to prepare certain estimates to be submitted to Congress.

I scarcely know what articles we could send to the Exhibition. I suppose though, we should have a complete set in duplicate of the coins and medals of our Country, also, such other objects of interest as possess but little intrinsic value, and are not liable to be easily damaged.

I will be obliged if you will have a conference with the officers of the Mint on the subject, and make such suggestions as may appear to be proper.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

P. S. Since dictating the above, Comptroller Tayler has explained, that what he particularly desired was an estimate of the sum which would probably be required to defray our (the Mint) expenses at the Centennial Exhibition. I have stated to him that $5000.- would be sufficient. If there is anything taken there, a reliable man will have to attend to explain & take care of the same.

H. R. L.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary The Treasury.

Sept. 28th 1875.

Sir:

The coinage of 3, and 5, cent minor coins having been suspended since the 8th of May last, pursuant to your instructions, and the amount then on hand at, and since transferred to the Philadelphia Mint having nearly all been paid out, I recommend that as much of the minor coins as have accumulated at the different Sub-Treasuries, and can be spared, be transferred to the Philadelphia Mint for re-issue, except as to the copper-nickel and copper cents, which should be withdrawn and melted.

The demand upon the Philadelphia Mint for minor coins is at present quite active, and from forty to fifty thousand dollars of these coins will be required immediately to meet the same.

I therefore respectfully suggest that a transfer of minor coins from the Sub-Treasuries at Boston and New York, to the Mint at Philadelphia be made as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary The Treasury.

Sept. 28th 1875.

Sir:

Be pleased to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in Subsidiary Silver coin, to be transferred from the Bullion Fund The U. S. Mint at Philad.a to the Treasurer The United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by Supt. The Mint from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

Sept. 28th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 27th inst. I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $100.000. in Subsidiary Silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the U. S. - the charges for transportation thereof to be paid by you from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Sept. 28th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th inst. enclosing gold dollar of Cuba, and a silver dollar of Chili, and bill of John L. Daily, in duplicate for the same, is received.

The bill of Mr. Daily has been approved and referred to the accounting Officer for settlement, and in due course of business, a draft for the amount will be transmitted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. &c.

New York.

Sept. 28th. 1875.

Sir:

Your reports show the purchase since July 1st. ult. of 301.791 50 ozs. fine silver, which I suppose is ready for transfer to the Mint, and when replying on that point, please state what amount of fine silver parted from the Doré transferred to your office from the Pacific Coast is ready for transfer, and at what rate per month the balance of Doré Bullion will be parted in the future.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York City.

Sept. 29th. 1875.

Sir:

The sum of Thirty-one 08/100 dollars ($31.08) has been charged against the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your institution for the current fiscal year on account of bill of Mr. Fred. Eckfeldt for expenses incurred in visiting your Office under instructions of the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Strow, Wile & Co. Sept. 29th 1875.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform this office the price at which you will furnish f. o. b.

20	Crucibles	No. 70 –	40	Crucibles	No. 90
140	"	" 100 –	300	"	" 45
100	covers	" 100 –	50	Covers	" 80
	150 covers	No. 45.			

300 Dipping cups, largest size.
50 Stirrers.

All to be of the best quality.

An early answer is solicited.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

J. H. Gautier & Co.
Jersey City.
N. J.

H. D. Atwood, Esq.
Sec'y Jersey City Crucible Co.
Taunton, Mass.

Orestes Cleveland Esq.
President Dixon Crucible Co.
Jersey City. N. J.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Sept. 29th 1875.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th inst. transmitting estimates of appropriations required for the support of U. S. Assay Office, New York during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1877, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sept. 29th 1875.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th inst. transmitting an agreement under which the Lyon Mill and Mining Co. of Dayton, Nev. is to supply the Mint with Sulphuric Acid, and take from it certain by-products, which you state to be the best arrangement you can make.

Believing that while endeavoring to insure a supply of acid from a reliable party, you have been careful to fully protect the interests of the United States, the agreement above referred to is hereby approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sept. 29th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Register of the Treasury the List of Employés enclosed in your communication of the 20th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sept. 29th 1875.

Sir:

I have rec'd the oath of office of George Hark, Asst. Cutter, Coiner's Dept.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sept. 29th 1875.

Sir:

The Coinage Act of 1873, by fixing the tolerance on single pieces of Silver coins more than three times as great as upon the gold coins, evidently contemplated the manufacture of the former without the adjustment of single pieces by hand.

It appears however, that the Coiners of the different Mints are unwilling to make the coin without weighing before stamping of each piece by the adjusters, for fear a coin might be made slightly outside the legal limits of weight, and appear among those taken for the Animals Assay.

Not only the different Coiners but the expert workmen with whom I have conferred agree, that while a single piece outside of the legal limits of weight might possibly result from relying altogether on the Draw Bench adjustment, it would be very rare and probably not more likely to occur than from carelessness or want of skill in adjusting single pieces.

In order however that the intention of the law to have the Subsidiary Silver Coin manufactured without the expense of weighing and adjusting of each individual piece may be carried out, authority is hereby given to take the assay pieces indiscriminately from those which the Superintendent has previously weighed in making the trial of the proposed delivery, as provided in the Coinage Act.

The utmost care must be taken by the Coiner to insure the skillful working of the Draw Bench; and the Superintendent will

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in person or by a careful assistant or clerk representing him try separately such number of pieces in each delivery as shall leave no reasonable doubt that the coins of the proposed delivery are within the legal limits of the Standard weight.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 29th 1875.

Sir:

Your letters of the 28th inst. enclosing certificates of deposits for $1538.70, Profits on Medals, and for $49.45 on account of sale of old materials, are received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. W. Taylor,
First Comptroller,

Sept. 29th 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Official Bond of C. H. Lalprange, Supt. U. S. Mint San Francisco, executed in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars additional to the one already on file in your Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Flood & O'Brien

Sept. 29th 1875.

San Francisco.

Gentlemen:

During a conversation with you a short time before leaving San Francisco, I expressed the opinion that it would be well to have a Sulphuric Acid Refinery in operation in San Francisco, the Government Refineries not having a sufficient capacity to operate upon all the mixed bullion likely to be produced in this Country for the next five or six years. In connection with this subject it appears proper that I should inform you, that shortly after I left for your Coast an examination by a Government Expert of the U. S. Assay Office Building in New York showed extensive injury to the iron portions of the structure, and that pretty extensive repairs, alterations &c. would be necessary. These troubles arose from Refining by Sulphuric Acid and reduced materially our parting capacity at that point. This result sustains my position that the Sulphuric Acid process for refining cannot well be employed in a Mint building, and that where that process is to be used a building composed of Brick should be specially erected for the purpose.

I am making every possible exertion to provide additional Porcelain Jars for the San Francisco Mint Refinery, and shall try to procure additional appropriations by Congress to carry on refining operations to the full extent of our capacity, but when your California Mine is worked, there will be a necessity for additional refining facilities on your Coast.

I am not advised as to the present ownership of the San Francisco Assaying & Refining Works.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director

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Wm. A. Potter, Esq.
Supervising Architect
Treas'y Dept.

Sept. 29th 1875.

Sir:

The Refinery connected with the Mint at San Francisco being completed and in operation, the Mint may be said to be fully equipped, and it is not probable that any additional work, other than that heretofore decided upon, will be necessary for some time to come. If you should visit the Pacific Coast, or send an Expert there, I respectfully recommend that a careful examination be made of the Mint building, including the flues & chimneys, with a view to ascertain whether any of the Mint operations as now conducted are likely to affect injuriously any part of the Structure.

A similar examination of the Carson Mint building is also recommended.

The Mint building at Denver Col. is a defective one and should also be examined with a view to ascertain whether by suitable alteration and repairs it can be put in proper condition.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sept. 29th 1875.

Sir:

I have received your Refinery Construction &c for August, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Wm. A. Potter, Esq. Sept. 29th. 1875.

Supervising Architect
Treasy Dept.

Sir:

I am advised that upon an inspection under your orders, it was deemed necessary to make certain repairs and alterations upon the U. S. Assay Office building in New York, and that the same were made necessary by reason of the fact, that the Sulphuric acid gas, arising from the Refining operations, had seriously impaired the iron portion of the building.

When the repairs referred to shall have been completed, I will thank you to furnish me with a statement of the nature and extent of the same, also to suggest any method as to the means to be employed in the future to guard against a like injury to the building from the same cause.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. G. Schierholz & Son Sept. 29th. 1875.

Zu Plane
Thüringen, Prussia.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform this Office whether you manufacture large porcelain jars or pots, such as are used in refining or parting gold from silver by the Nitric Acid process, and also how soon you can furnish fifty or one hundred such jars, of a capacity each of about 26 gallons.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sept. 29th. 1875.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $44.096.- from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$2,096.-
Wages of Workmen	"	30.000.-
Contingent Expenses	"	12.000.-

The Secretary has been requested to make the same "Special".

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sept. 29th. 1875.

I cannot pay a draft of the party referred to in your dispatch of yesterday.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Telegram. O. H. LaGrange,

Supt. San Francisco Mint.

Sept. 29th. 1875.

Bond received and approved. Amount of Requisition will be telegraphed on October 1st.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Sept. 29th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your Official Bond executed in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and bearing date of September 17th 1875, has been approved by the Director of the Mint, and the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred to the First Comptroller for file in that office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint Sept. 29th 1875.
San Francisco.

Commissioner's Report and recommendation Booth & Company's claim approved and referred to accounting officers for settlement and transmission of draft, will hurry it up fast as possible.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Hon. Wm. A. Potter Sept. 30th 1875.

Supervising Architect
Treas'y Dept.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Refinery Construction A/cs of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the months of June and July, 1875.

The A/c current of the June account was returned for correction, & will be handed you as soon as it is received at this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Thos. C. Acton,

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, N.Y.

Sept. 30th 1875.

Sir:

Under date of 29th inst. you quote fine silver at 122 cts per ounce (fine), which is slightly below the rate at which you are authorized to purchase.

Have you made any purchases under the authority last given?

Your letter of 29th inst. shows that over 300.000. ounces of fine silver, purchased specifically for the subsidiary coinage, has been used to make prompt payment to manufacturers instead of being transferred to the Mint for coinage.

Meanwhile, the Superintendent at Philadelphia has been running part of his force on minor coinage contrary to the instructions of the Department, alleging as an excuse, the want of sufficient supplies of silver bullion.

I will thank you to inform me of the amount approximately of unrefined and unparted bullion now on hand.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sept. 30th 1875.

Sir:

Your Bullion Account for the quarter ending June 30th 1875, are received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philad^a.

Sept. 30th. 1875.

Sir:

On the 9th. of June last you were instructed to melt the old copper cents in the redemption fund, for the purpose of having the difference between the value of the metal resulting therefrom, and the nominal or tale value of such coins re-imbursed to the Redemption Fund out of the appropriation specifically made for that purpose.

Instead of complying with the instruction above referred to, the minor coinage profits were made in effect to pay the difference. You are requested to furnish an explanation as to the disregarding of the instructions given you as to the disposition of and accounting for the old copper cent coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad^a.

Sept. 30th. 1875.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully directed to a letter from this office under date of the 14th. inst. relative to the compensation paid Mr. A. G. Rowland, Helper in the Assayer's Dept. of your Mint, for the month of August, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad^a

Sept. 30th 1875.

Sir:

As it seems desirable to have on hand a reasonable supply of nickel to meet any future demand that may arise for the three (3) and five (5) cent coins in excess of the amount of redemptions, you are authorized to accept the bid of Joseph Wharton for 5000 pounds at $3.25 per lb. for the nickel contained, as determined by Mint Assay, provided you are satisfied that the price mentioned is the lowest market rate.

The bid of Mr. Wharton is herewith returned.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad^a.

Sept. 30th 1875.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of October, 1875, has been approved for the sum of Thirty Thousand seven hundred Dollars from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876		$3.400.–
Wages of Workmen	"		21.000.
Contingent Expenses	"		6.300.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Sept. 30th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

About the commencement of the Fourth Quarter of the last fiscal year, I instructed the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco Cal. to make such a reduction of expenses as would bring the same within the appropriations made for the support of that institution.

Under these instructions, the Superintendent reduced the number of employés, and in several cases the rate of compensation, including six per cent of his own salary.

When this action was submitted to me I approved the same, except as to the decrease of his own salary, informing him at the same time, that no such reduction could be made except by legislation of Congress.

It now appears that on the 17th inst. Superintendent La Grange deposited the sum of Fifty dollars ($50.-) to the credit of the U. S. with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco; the same being the reduction on his salary for the months of May & June 1875.

I respectfully submit the question for your consideration, whether the sum referred to should not be returned to the Superintendent.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. R. W. Raymond.
Commissioner &c.
27 Park Place.

Sept. 30th. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from James Ross Snowden Esq. of Philadelphia, with an enclosure of a letter from Mr. B. K. Jamison, relative to a special report on the mining interests of Colorado, made by Mr. Snowden some years since.

This report was given to you by the then Secretary of the Treasury for publication in the "Engineering and Mining Journal".

Mr. Snowden is anxious to procure either the original manuscript, or a copy of the report as published, and I will thank you to send one or both to his address (#528) Walnut St. Philad.a) if possible - the original manuscript would be preferable.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. James R. Booth,
Melter & Refiner
Mint, Philadelphia.

Sept. 30th. 1875.

Yes as to proposed absence. Doctor Rogers cannot exercise advisory functions without being specially designated and instructed by this Office. If the Superintendent and yourself bring the case officially before me I will agree.

It must be understood that Doctor Rogers cannot legally act in your place.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sept. 30th 1875.

Sir:

I have received your communications of the 18th inst. returning corrected pay-rolls for June; also, report of Workmen for July on Refinery Construction.

The employment of the latter is hereby approved.

I have this day referred to the Supervising Architect of the Treasury your Refinery Accounts for June & July.

In returning your Refinery Pay-rolls for June, you neglected to forward the $ currency for that month which was sent you at the same time.

As it is impossible to settle your Accounts without this, I will thank you to forward it without delay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sept. 30th 1875.

Sir:

In Voucher #97 of your Refinery account for August, there is an item of $170.– for 34 days hotel expenses @ $5.00 pr. diem, for which you will please furnish receipted bill.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sept. 30th. 1875.

Sir:

I have received the Official oath of Peter Darcy, Fireman in the General Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco. Cal.

Sept. 30th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d. inst. transmitting balance sheet for August 31st. 1875, is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Ross Snowden,

528 Walnut St.

Philadelphia.

Sept. 30th. 1875.

My dear Sir:

I have rec'd your letter of the 25th. inst. enclosing the letter from Mr. Jamison and have this day addressed a letter to R. W. Raymond Esq. requesting him to furnish you either with the manuscript report, or the journal containing it as published.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent June 30th 1875.

Mint, Carson, Nev.

Cannot come nor send anyone. Have settlement completed and bullion re-delivered in usual manner and according to law and regulations

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Telegram. The Secretary of the Treasury July 1st 1875.

Washington, D.C.

Annual settlement of the Mints at Carson and San Francisco completed and everything found satisfactory. Coinage operations will proceed immediately at both institutions.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Hon. B. H. Bristow July 2d 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

On the 31st of March 1875, the sum of $2,000.00 was paid to Morgan & Orr, for Steel Rolls out of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses Mint S.F., which should have been paid out of the Appropriation for Construction of "New Mint", and on Apr. 15 following $350.00 was paid out of the Contingent Fund also, which should have been paid in the same way, - these items were settled by the Department at Washington.

The sum of $2,350.00 as above set forth is required to settle unpaid bills against the Contingent Fund of the San Francisco Mint contracted under the belief that these items had been paid for out of the appropriations of "New Mint". I respectfully recommend

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that the sum of $2,350.00 be transferred from the Appropriation for construction and equipment of "New Mint" to that for Incidental and Contingent Expenses for the year ending June 30. 1875 of the Mint at San Francisco, and that a draft for the amount be sent to the Superintendent of said Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

San Francisco, July 7th 1875

Sir:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Supt. of the Mint in this City, calling attention to the inconvenience experienced in the receipt and handling of bullion & coin, arising from the fact that it all has to be carried up and down the front stairway; also, to the necessity of making provision for entering the basement of the edifice, and by which, silver bullion supplies &c. may be received and delivered. With a view to obviate the inconvenience referred to it will be necessary to enlarge the door on the North side leading into the basement hall, and cut a door at the other end of the hall through the South side of the building.

Mr. McCulloch informs me that the alteration suggested can be made without weakening or damaging the edifice, and at a moderate cost.

If the alteration above referred to be made I would strongly recommend the placing of a one story elevator to raise bullion from the basement hall to the Weigh Room on the first

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floor. This can be done, Mr. McCulloch informs me, at a cost of about $450.

At present, coal, wood and other supplies have to be brought into the basement by wheel-barrows, which adds considerably to the cost of conducting the Mint.

Silver bars, amounting in some cases to 25 tons in a single day, have to be carried up the stairway from the Street and subject depositors to much delay and inconvenience.

The alterations and employment of an elevator as suggested would materially reduce expenses, and greatly facilitate the convenient despatch of business. — If the Supervising Architect is not coming to this coast during the present Summer, I recommend that Mr. McCulloch be authorized and directed to make the alterations referred to.

Telegr The new Refinery will be completed and in readiness for operations by the 1st. prox. and will cost about $50,000.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servant
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. James Crawford, Esq. July 10th 1875.

Supt. Mint, Carson, Nev.

You are hereby authorized to purchase any part of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars in unparted bars, at the lowest market rate, and not exceeding one hundred and nineteen cents per ounce for the Silver contained.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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James Lennox, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

July 10th 1875.

Sir:

I received this morning your letter of the 8th inst. stating that you will be short of bullion to run the Refinery after Tuesday next.

I sent you a despatch today authorizing you to purchase unparted bars to the value of $250.000. at the lowest market rate, and not exceeding 119 cents per ounce for the silver contained. (119 cents per ounce fine.)

We have just concluded a purchase here of $500.000. worth of fine silver bars at the rate of 121 cents per ounce fine. You should therefore be able to purchase unparted bullion at the same rate, less the parting charge of 2 cents per ounce.

I shall leave here for your place on Monday or Tuesday next, and on my arrival we will agree upon a plan of operations, and have your bullion fund properly increased.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram

The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D. C.

July 11th 1875.

Please authorize by telegraph purchase of one million dollars silver at lowest market rate for coinage at San Francisco Mint, and increase Bullion Fund correspondingly to pay for same.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary Tr. Treasury
Washington, D.C.

July 14th 1875.

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith a letter from the Superintendent of the Carson Mint, dated 8th inst., requesting authority to purchase five hundred thousand (500.000.) ounces of unparted Bars; and, to have the Bullion Fund of his Mint increased from six hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($650.000.) to two millions dollars ($2,000,000.).

I found that only five hundred thousand dollars ($500.000.) in fine silver, could be purchased at San Francisco on advantageous terms under your last authorization, to purchase one million dollars ($1,000,000.) — I instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco to purchase the five hundred thousand dollars ($500.000.) worth of silver, and as it is important that there should be no interruption in the Refining and Coinage operations of the Carson Mint, I instructed Supt. Crawford to buy unparted Bars to the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($250.000.), which he did, at the rate of one hundred and nineteen cents ($1.19) per fine ounce, for silver contained therein, and will pay for the same out of the Bullion Fund.

During the past six months, additional machinery and apparatus have been erected at the Carson Mint, whereby its capacity has been doubled, and will be enabled to turn out twice the amount of coin, which has heretofore been executed at this Mint, and it is an important matter in the preparation of Subsidiary Coins. -

In order that the Mint may be fully

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employed on this Silver Coinage, which can only be done with a sufficient supply of Silver Bullion, I recommend that the Bullion Fund of the Mint at Carson be increased from six hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($650.000.) to one million and five hundred thousand dollars ($1.500.000.) - the increase to be made in Gold Coin.

The purchase of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($250.000.) worth of Doré Bullion, herein referred to, will only be sufficient to employ the Mint for about ten (10) days; - and I respectfully recommend that on the receipt of this communication, you will authorize Supt. Crawford to purchase five hundred thousand dollars ($500.000.) in unparted Bars, at the lowest market rate. -

I have instructed the Supt. of the Carson Mint, to advise the Acting Director of the Mint, by telegraph, on the 22. inst., the rate at which the silver can be obtained. - Unless there is some change in the London price, it will no doubt be about one hundred and nineteen cents ($1.19) per ounce fine, for the silver contained therein. -

Referring to a paragraph in Supt. Crawford's letter, respecting the working of the Coining Dept., I will make a special communication to you, respecting the same, tomorrow.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram The Secretary of the Treasury July 15th 1875.

Washington, D.C.

The Mints at San Francisco and Carson are now running to full capacity on Gold and Divisionary Silver Coins. I am making a thorough examination of the various processes and operations in detail to insure utmost efficiency, capacity and economy. Coinage will be largely increased from this time forward. On my return to San Francisco the new Refinery will be put in operation.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mints.

Hon. B. H. Bristow July 15th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I respectfully recommend the removal of William H. Drane as Coiner of the Mint of the United States at Carson, Nevada, and the appointment in his place of Levi Dague Esq. of this City. This recommendation is made after full consultation with the approval of Supt. Crawford, & in whose sound judgment, faithfulness & zeal, I repose the fullest confidence. Mr. Drane has become addicted to intemperate habits, and which has led to insubordination and neglect of duty to an extent interfering with the proper working of the Coiner's department.

Mr. Dague is a man of excellent character, and having long been engaged in bullion reduction works, possesses special qualifications for the position.

If you concur in the above recommendation, I respectfully suggest that the order of the

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President, suspending Mr. Doane & the commission of Mr. Daque be sent to Supt. Crawford, with instructions to deliver the same, on Mr. Daque's official Bond, in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, being approved by the Director of the Mint and Secretary of the Treasury.

The proposed change in the Coinership of this Mint will not suspend the operations of that department for more than one day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. G. Jacobs, Esq.

San Francisco. July 25th 1875.

Act. Supt. Architect.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing copies of the correspondence between your office and the Superintendent of Construction of New Mint, relative to the enclosing and paving of Jessie Street.

At the time of my last preceding visit to this Coast (Nov. 1874) I objected to the paving of the Street referred to on square on the West side of the Edifice, on the ground that the latter would probably be required for use in connection with the Mint Refinery.

This lead to the suspension of the works until some days after my arrival here, when having carefully examined the subject and the new Refinery being about completed and occupying no portion of the space referred to, I informed Mr. McCulloch, that I should withdraw my objection, and recommend to the Supervising Architect the paving of the ground as originally contemplated, and for which a contract had been entered into and suspended until the question

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of the occupation of the ground for Refining purposes could be determined.

Until the receipt of your letter of 12th inst. I supposed that I had written the Department as above, but am unable to determine whether I did so or not, as I have forwarded all my correspondence for file in the Office of the Director at Washington.

I have no hesitation in recommending the paving of Jessie Street and grounds on the West side of the Mint, and that the work be completed as early as practicable.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The enclosures contained in yours of 12th inst. are herewith returned.

Mr. Henry Troemner
#710 Market St
Philadelphia.

San Francisco. Cal.
July 31st 1875.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today, is hereby made official:

"Make and ship to Learson Mint a state balance, same in all respects as that recently manufactured for Assay Office New York; also, weights complete for same. Did you receive order for similar balance for San Francisco Mint sent about first of month? answer." + + +

I desire that you will make this balance the same size and similar in all respects to the one ordered for the New York assay office a few days before I left for California. When completed, have the weights compared with the standard weights at the

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Philadelphia Mint, and certified to by the Superintendent. Pack them in such manner as will insure them against damage in transit.

In the early part of the present month, I ordered by telegraph a similar balance to be made for the Mint at San Francisco, but have received no reply from you about it.

Please spare no pains to make these balances perfect in all respects, and finish them as soon as practicable. They are required for the weighing of large quantities of bullion daily received at the Mints.

Your bills, accompanied by duplicate bills of lading, will be sent to the Office of the Director of the Mint at Washington, for settlement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram

Henry Troemner

710 Market St.

Philad.a

July 31st 1875.

Make and ship to Carson Mint a State balance same in all respects as that recently manufactured for Assay Office New York, also, weights complete for same. Did you receive order for similar balance for San Francisco Mint sent about first of month. answer.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

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Telegram.

Morgan & Orr.

July 31st 1875.

Callowhill, below 13th St

Philadª Pa.

Manufacture and forward by rail to San Francisco Mint, one single drawbench and a new centre piece for second size new press. answer when you will ship same.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Wm H. Dwane, Esq.

San Francisco, Aug. 4th, 1875.

Coiner U. S. Mint

Carson, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of 2nd inst., in which you refer to the reported appointment of Mr. Levi Dague as Coiner, and request to be informed as to the nature of any charges that have been preferred against you.

The papers in the case having been forwarded to Washington for file in the Director's Office, I cannot comply with your request until after my return there. In the meantime it affords me pleasure to say that your integrity has not been brought in the question.

There has been for some time past, a want of harmony among the officers of the Carson Mint, and the coinage of the Coinage has not been as large as we had a right to expect. Unless there is an improvement in both respects, other changes will become necessary.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

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Telegram

Superintendent
U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Aug. 5th 1875.

What quantity of silver are you purchasing monthly, and at what rate. What is market price.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Telegram.

The Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington, D. C.

Aug. 6. 1875.

Commenced Refining at Mint yesterday, complete success. Expect to be able to start East in about ten days.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Telegram

Supt. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Aug. 12th 1875.

In letter of Mr. Faire forwarded by you reference is made to tin box addressed to me at Carson. If at express office, forward to me here.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Telegram

Supt. Mint
Philadelphia.

August 13th 1875.

It appears that New York Assay Office will be until December engaged in parting the one million and half Doré Silver last transferred from here. In order to insure supply of silver for coinage at Philadelphia it will be necessary for you to continue to refine at such rate as your appropriations will warrant. Telegraph Prof. Booth's estimate of cost of parting bullion of character last sent from Carson.

H. R. Linderman Director Mint.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint. September 2. 1875.

Carson, Nevada.

I want you to meet me at Sacramento the day I start east probably Saturday or Sunday. Will advise you soon as day is fixed. Will arrange the three hundred thousand dollar purchase before leaving. Things are generally assuming a much better appearance.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Telegram. The Secretary of the Treasury. Sept. 2. 1875.

An additional half million in Gold coin may be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the San Francisco Mint to the Treasury of the U. States, without interfering with the prompt payment of Bullion deposits and purchases by the Mint which is Refining & Coining on a large scale. Business outlook improving and matters will soon move forward on a more solid basis. I leave for the East on Sunday morning.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

Wm. A. Potter, Esq. October, 1st. 1875.

Supervising Architect

Treas'y Dept.

Sir:

I hand you herewith the Refinery Construction Account of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month of August, 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Memorandum.

Oct. 1st 1875.

Referring to the Letter of the U. S. Assistant Treasurer of 28th ult. to the Treasurer of the U. S. in reference to the size of the vault in the office of the former, I am of the opinion that from six hundred thousand to one million of dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin can be stored in said vault;- and further that before the substition of such coin for the fractional currency is commenced, it will be necessary to store Silver coin at St. Louis, to the amount of at least one million of dollars, and that such coin intended for issue in the Mississippi Valley should be sent or transferred from the Mints at San Francisco and Carson to St. Louis, and thereby save both time and expense.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Messrs. Pope, Cole, & Co.

October 1st 1875.

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 30th ult. enclosing in duplicate Invoice and B/L for 20 casks copper shipped U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount ($5.390.) will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — Oct. 1st 1875.

Supt. Mint Philadᵃ.

Sir:

Until further instructions you will make the following denominations of silver coins in equal proportions as to value, viz: Dimes, Quarter Dollars, and Half Dollars. Twenty cent pieces need not be coined, unless to meet demands of parties desiring to exchange Gold coins at par for the same.

About 300,000. ounces fine silver, will be transferred to your Mint from the New York Assay Office as soon as it can be boxed up.

In explaining your action in reference to the coinage of Nickel-copper pieces during September you assign as one of the reasons the short supply of silver bullion. That contingency would not have arisen had you advised this Office that more silver bullion was required to carry out its instructions. In future you will please give timely notice of a probable or actual want of more bullion for coinage.

Very respectfully.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — Oct. 1st 1875.

Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

Sir:

The sum of $32.75 has been charged against the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year, on account of bill of Mr. M. V. Davis, for expenses incurred in examining your institution under instructions from the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Oct. 1st. 1875.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 30th. ult. I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15.000.) from the appropriation for two annealing furnaces.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia.

Oct. 1st. 1875.

Sir:

I send by Express to-day the dies for the Life Saving medals of the 1st. and 2d. class, which you will have carefully preserved, and kept at your Mint, subject to instructions from this Office, as to the striking of medals therefrom.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the dies.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Oct. 1st 1875.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300.000) in Subsidiary Silver Coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the U. S., the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by you from "Silver Profit Fund".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Oct. 1st 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Telegram

I have this day referred to the Supervising Architect Tr. Treasury Dept., your Refinery Account for August, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint Oct. 1st 1875.
San Francisco.

Please send duplicate Bills covering Requisitions of twenty third ultimo, for construction and repairs of Refinery for September.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Oct. 1st 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day is hereby made official:

"Please send duplicate bills covering requisition of twenty-third ultimo for construction and repairs of Refinery for September."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent

Mint, San Francisco

Oct. 1st 1875.

In future you will coin equal proportions as to value of Dimes, Quarter Dollars and Half Dollars.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Oct. 1st 1875.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is made official, viz: "In future you will coin equal proportions as to value of Dimes, Quarter Dollars, and Half Dollars."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

The above order is of course not intended to limit coinage to the denominations therein specified. It only fixes the proportion in value of the subsidiary silver coinage. Coinage of gold and Trade dollars may proceed as usual, and 20 ct pieces may be coined to supply the demands of those who desire to exchange gold coins at par for such pieces. H. R. L.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

October, 1st 1875.

Secretary the Treasury.

Sir,

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of Three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000) in Subsidiary Silver Coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation thereof to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Oct. 1st 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Be pleased to issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in favor of James Pollock, Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia, for the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.) payable from the appropriation for "two annealing furnaces" contained in "an act. making appropriations for legislative, executive and judicial expenses", approved March 3d. 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Henry Trowbridge, Esq.
710 Market St
Philadelphia.

Oct. 1st. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Supt. of the Mint at Carson, stating that the large balance, for which an order was given you to manufacture, sometime since, is very much needed. I will thank you to inform this office when it will probably be completed, and to request that you will complete it as early as can be done, to secure accuracy in weighing.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor.

Oct. 1st 1875.

Sir:

I hand you herewith the Ordinary Expense Account of the Supt. of the Carson Mint for the month of July, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Thos. L. Acton

Oct. 1st. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 30th. ult. in reference to the payment at the Treasury out of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Assay Office, the expenses of an Examiner, who visited your office, to perform special duty by my direction, and in which you express the opinion that all payments out of your "Contingent Appropriation should be made upon vouchers presented direct to this (your) office", - in order that your expenditures and appropriations may be reconciled", - and have simply to say that all appropriations made for the support of the Assay Office are under the control of the Secretary of the Treasury, and that you are only accountable for the amount actually advanced to you, and not for the amount appropriated by law; and, that it is only necessary that you possess vouchers covering the expenditures made by yourself, and not for expenses paid by direction of this Office, with the approval of the proper authority.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Oct. 1st. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th. ult. covering the report of Mr. Herbert G. Torrey, Assayer, also a table exhibiting average results of assays of Doré Silver, has been received at this Office, and will be duly considered.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, N. Y.

Oct. 1st. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th. ult. enclosing account current of Bullion Fund, is received.

Very respectfully
(Signed) H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. &c. New York.

Oct. 1st. 1875.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed not to make any further purchases of silver bullion until otherwise advised.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint Oct. 1. 1875.

Carson, Nevada.

Until further instructed coin as to value equal proportions in Dimes, Quarter Dollars, and Half Dollars.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

James Crawford, Esq. Oct. 1st. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official, viz:

"Until further instructed, coin as to value equal proportions in Dimes, Quarter Dollars and Half Dollars."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

The above order is of course not intended to limit coinage to the pieces therein specified. It only fixes the proportion in value of the subsidiary silver coinage. Coinage of Gold and Trade Dollars will proceed as usual and twenty cent pieces may be made to supply demands of those who may desire to exchange gold coins at par for such pieces.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Oct. 1st. 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, duplicate Invoice and Bill Lading for 20 Casks Ingot Copper shipped you by Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co. whose account I have approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City Nev.

Oct. 1st. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense A/c for July, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram

J. T. L. Scherimer, Oct. 1st 1875.

Supt. Mint, Denver.

Leave of absence of two weeks is granted the Melter and Refiner under the provisions of section nine - Coinage Act.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. T. L. Scherimer, Esq. Oct. 1st 1875.

Supt. Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Denver Col.

Sir:

A Telegram sent you this day in the following words is now made official, viz:

"Leave of absence of two weeks is granted the Melter & Refiner under the provision of section nine, Coinage Act."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon, Oct. 2nd 1875.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I hand you herewith the a/c of Ordinary Expenses of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month of August, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

October 2. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made, from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, of the sum of three hundred and forty thousand five hundred and seventy seven 83/100 dollars ($340.577.83), payable in 280.310.97 oz. fine silver bars.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Oct. 2. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in Subsidiary silver coin, to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States, - the charges for transportation thereof to be paid by Superintendent of the Mint from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

Oct. 2. 1875.

New Orleans.

I shall be glad to receive your Philadelphia report as early as convenient.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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M. I. Bonzano, Esq. Oct. 2d. 1875.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"I shall be glad to receive your Philadelphia report as early as convenient."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. Oct. 2d. 1875.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Teleg

I have yours of the 14th ult. enclosing statements of operations for the month of August, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint Oct. 2d. 1875.
San Francisco.

Your regular and deficiency estimates should have been here by the thirtieth ultimo. Have you forwarded them — answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Oct. 2. 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Your regular and deficiency estimates should have been here by the thirtieth ultimo. Have you forwarded them?"

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Oct. 2. 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate Invoice & Bill Lading for five cases Chemically Pure Nitric Acid, shipped you on the 27th ult. by Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons, Philadelphia, whose account I have approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, - payment of the amount to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the U. S. Mint, San Francisco, for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Oct. 5. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ult. transmitting in duplicate for payment, bill of S. G. Broughton, amounting to $46.60, for 12⅓ doz matrasses forwarded to the Mint at Denver from Boston July 8th. 1875, is received.

In reply I would state that an examination of the accounts of Prof. Schirmer, Assayer in Charge of the Denver Mint, shows, that he paid to the "New England Glass Co." July 21st 1875, the sum of $46.60 for 12⅓ doz. matrasses shipped from Boston July 8th. 1875 via Blue Line & C. P. R. R. to the Denver Mint, and which appear to be the identical matrasses for which Mr. Broughton is now claiming payment.

I enclose herewith for your information as well as that of Mr. Broughton, a copy of the bill of the "New England Glass Co." paid by Prof. Schirmer, and filed with his accounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Oct. 5. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers of the department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense &c for August, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Oct. 2d. 1875.

Sir:

I have been furnished with a copy of a note addressed to you on the 1st inst. by the Assayer, in which, referring to certain Silver Ingots condemned by him in his report the previous day, and afterwards handed over to be coined, he states, that three of the melts gave 896¾ thousandths fine.

It appears from Assay Report to you, dated Sept. 30th, that in melt No. 2751, the highest assay was 897, the lowest 896¾, and the same in melt No. 2757; the average of each melt being 3.1 thousandths below 900, and the remedy of the Mint being 8 thousandths, these melts were clearly illegal.

I trust that the Assayer is mistaken as to these ingots having been accepted for coinage. Even if the average had been 897, I cannot think that it would be safe to accept it, notwithstanding experience has shown, that as a general thing the coins would be slightly higher.

I think you are incurring great danger in working so close to the limits. By reference to p. 14, Report of Wastage Commission, 1872, you will see the working rule which was recommended and adopted.

When this subject was up last Winter, I addressed letters of inquiry to the Superintendents of the Mints at San Francisco and Carson, as to the practice in reporting Silver Ingots.

At San Francisco, Silver Ingots are rejected if they differ more than one thousandth from standard, and in Carson, none had ever been passed below 898.7 or higher than 900.2.

It will be seen that at these Mints they

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are able to work even closer than the rule laid down in the Wastage Report referred to above.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — Oct. 2. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made, from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office New York, to that of your Mint, of the sum of $340.577.83,- payable in 280.310.97 ozs. pure silver at the rate of 4/1.21½ per ounce.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — Oct. 2. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The list of Officers, Clerks and Employés, required by letter from this Office of Aug. 25, enclosing blank forms, should be forwarded immediately. It was due here on the 30th. ult.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Oct. 2. 1875.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 1st inst. I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Philadelphia Mint to the Treasurer of the U. S., the charges for transportation to be paid from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Oct. 2. 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of yesterday relative to the compensation of Mr. A. G. Rowland, Helper in the Assayers' Dept. of your Mint, I have to state that the amount paid him for the month of August is approved, and that inasmuch, as he is an old, and has proved an efficient workman, unless there is some special reason for the reduction proposed, I desire that his compensation shall remain as heretofore - $3.75 per diem.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq. October 2. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the current month has been approved for the sum of $13.500.- from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — —	1876	— —	$3,000.-
Wages of Workmen —	"	— —	6.000.-
Contingent Expenses —	"	— —	4.500.-

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Oct. 2. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 1st inst. I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the transfer of $340.517.83 (payable in 280.310.97 oz. pure silver) from the Bullion Fund of your Office to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Oct. 2. 1875.

Supt. &c. New York.

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th ult. enclosing Estimates of Appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1877.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Oct. 2d. 1875.

Telegraph your coinage for September, and gold and silver refined.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson.

Oct. 2d. 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day is hereby made official:

"Telegraph your coinage for September, and amount of gold and silver refined respectively."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson.

Oct. 2d. 1875.

Sir:

I have yours of the 17th ult. enclosing estimates for deficiency appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1876, and estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30 1877.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq. Oct. 2d. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U.S.

Carson.

Sir:

I have yours of the 20th and 24th ult. enclosing statements of operations for the month of August, 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. G. B. Linderman & Co. Oct. 2d. 1875.

111 Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen:

I desire to procure for the use of the Mints on the Pacific Coast about 500 tons of Selected Sugar Loaf Coal in equal proportions of grate and Egg size to be delivered on board at New York for shipment by sailing vessel via Cape Horn to San Francisco, and will be glad to have you make an offer to furnish the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

P. S. We will require about 1.500. during the year.

G. C. Thompson, Esq. Oct. 2d. 1875.

Adams Express Co, Philad.a

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst. enclosing Bill of Adams Express Co. amounting to $452.00 for transporting gold coin from U. S. Mint Philad.a to U. S. Assay Office, N. Y. is received.

The account has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons
Philadᵃ

Oct. 2ᵈ. 1875.

Gentlemen;

Your letter of the 1ˢᵗ inst. enclosing Invoice & Bill Lading in duplicate, for five cases Chemically Pure Nitric acid, shipped the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, is received.

Your a/c has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount $95.35 will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

W. E. Du Bois, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Mint
Philadᵃ

Oct. 2ᵈ. 1875.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 1ˢᵗ inst. in reference to passing condemned melts of Silver Ingots, and enclosing copy of your letter to the Superintendent, I herewith transmit a copy of my letter to the Superintendent on the subject, and also a copy of the Report of the Wastage Commission referred to.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint, Oct. 4th. 1875.
Philadelphia.

State amount of gold and silver refined respectively in fine ounces during month of September. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Hon. James Pollock Oct. 4th. 1875.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"State amount of gold and silver refined respectively, in fine ounces, during month of September."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Hon. James Pollock Oct. 4th. 1875.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Be kind enough to forward with the Bill for the same, two proof Trade Dollars.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Oct. 4th 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to telegraph at the close of each month hereafter, not only the amount of coinage executed during the month, but also the amount in fine ounces, of gold and silver refined & parted respectively, at your Refinery.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Oct. 4th 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information copy of a letter received at this Office from the Supervising Architect, stating, that the allowance of $2,820.96 to Messrs. Booth & Co. had been approved and referred to the First Auditor for settlement.

At my request the accounting Officers of the Department have made the settlement of the account "special", and in the course of a few days a draft for the amount will be transmitted Messrs. Booth & Co.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Saligneux, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Oct. 4th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for examination and settlement, your Supplemental Ordinary Expense &c for the fiscal year ended June 30 1875.

The attention of the Auditor has been directed to the item of $130.- for 26 days expenses in Washington, at $5.00 per diem and the item of $366.27 for 63 days hotel expenses in San Francisco, in Voucher #528, bill of J. H. Gassaway, for traveling expenses &c., for which no sub-vouchers are enclosed.

These items of expense will not be allowed in the settlement of your Accounts unless receipted bills are furnished in both cases.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Wood Payson & Colgate
No. 64 Pine St
New York.

Oct. 4th. 1875.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 30th ult. to the Secretary and which has been referred to this Office, I have to state that the value of a Russian Ruble is that of the pure silver contained in a Ruble of exact standard weight and fineness.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Oct. 4th. 1875.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 2d. inst. in which quoting the following paragraph contained in my letter of the previous day, viz: "that contingency would not have arisen, had you advised this office that more Silver bullion was required to carry out its instructions", you observe that "this censure is not deserved", and you refer to what you term "notice" for more bullion as having been given on the 14th. of August, in a dispatch of that date.

By reference to the dispatch from this Office of the same date, and to which yours was a reply in part, it will be seen that it contained in substance, two different inquiries;- the first being how long would the then supply of silver bullion for subsidiary coinage last; and the second, when would you be prepared for another purchase of unparted bars:

To the first inquiry, no reply was received, and to the second, the answer was, that you would be ready for a new lot of unparted bars, by September 15th.

What you appear to regard as a notice that more bullion was required, was simply answering so much of the Acting Director's inquiry as referred to time when your Refinery would be ready to receive and operate upon another lot of unparted bars.

In order that there may be no misunderstanding on this subject hereafter, you will in future estimate from time to time, the quantity of silver bullion on hand, and give this Office twenty days notice of additional supplies being

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required.

It appears to be proper to add that you alone are in a position to determine when more bullion is required, and also the time most convenient for the Mint to receive and store it in the vaults.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 4th. 1875.

Sir:

In addition to the report of coinage executed, you will transmit to this Office at the close of each month hereafter, a statement showing in fine ounces the amount of gold and silver refined & parted respectively at the Refinery of your Mint.

It is important that the statement asked for, should be promptly rendered.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad.a

Oct. 4th. 1875.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of September, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

Messrs. Flood & O'Brien

San Francisco.

Oct. 4th. 1875.

When do you expect to commence Refining at your works? The condition of the appropriation will render it necessary to curtail the parting of Doré bullion at the San Francisco Mint after this month and until additional appropriations are made by Congress. answer.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

Messrs. Flood and O'Brien

Oct. 4th. 1875.

Gentlemen:

Congress at the last session having refused to appropriate the sum which was estimated to be necessary to refine at the San Francisco Mint, the appropriation for Contingent Expenses will not stand the increased demand made upon it, by reason of our refining operations, much longer, and after the present month, I am afraid we will have to limit refining to Gold Deposits, and so much Doré Silver as will be required to bring the two metals to the proportion of one ounce of gold to two of Silver, (say, about 200.000. ounces per month Doré) that being an economical proportion for the parting operation.

If we were to exhaust our appropriation and Congress should be dilatory in making the necessary additional appropriations, we might be embarrassed in our Gold Coinage operations.

It will be for your own convenience, as well as to the interests of your Coast, that you refine at the San Francisco Assaying & Refining Works, recently purchased by you, as early as practicable.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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J. L. L. Schirmer, Esq. Oct. 4th. 1875.

Mint, U. S.

Denver.

Sir:

In computing the value of silver contained in unparted bars, the rate hereafter will be $1.11 per standard ounce, and which corresponds with the rates paid for silver contained in Gold deposits at the Mint in Philadea, and Assay Office, New York.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon Oct. 4th. 1875.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Supplemental Ordinary Expense &c of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1875.

The Superintendent has been instructed to furnish receipted bills for the items of hotel expense in Voucher #528, bill of Mr. J. H. Gassaway.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thos. L. Ackn, Esq. Oct. 4th. 1875.

Supt. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

You will please transmit at the close of each month hereafter, a statement showing in fine ounces, the amount of gold and silver refined & parted respectively at your Assay Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Oct. 4th. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($150.000) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco to the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Charles Hammond, Esq.

Oct. 4th. 1875.

Banker
Tipton, Iowa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 29th. ult. enclosing your check for one hundred dollars ($100.) on the 9th. National Bank, New York, in payment for certain minor coins, and have forwarded the same this day to the Hon. James Pollock, Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, to whom all similar applications should be addressed, as per enclosed circular.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Oct. 5th. 1875.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

Think you do well to take few days rest. Hope it will benefit your health.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Oct. 5th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

As far as may be practicable, you will cause the Assayer to take specimens from each delivery of coins from the silver ingots referred to in my letter of the 2d inst., and immediately assay them, and report the result to this Office.

Should the fineness of any of the coins assayed differ from standard more than is allowed by law, the whole delivery must go to the Melter and Refiner and be melted. I deem this course necessary in order to guard against the possibility of error.

In assaying the coins, they will be cut into four equal pieces, and three of the divisions used for the assay, the fourth being reserved for a trial test, if it should appear necessary.

The fact that as a general rule, silver coins show a somewhat higher fineness than the ingots from which they are made, is well understood by this Office, and it is probable that the coins to be made from ingots of fineness slightly below 897 thousandths, will be somewhat higher and within the legal limits; but segregation, to which silver alloys are subject under certain conditions, may cause some of the coins of such a melt, to fall below the limits.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Oct. 5th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th. inst. in relation to certain silver melts rejected by the Assayer, but afterwards received by you for coinage.

Section 33. of the Coinage Act declares, that, no silver ingot shall be used for coinage which differs from the legal standard more than three thousandths.

The melts of ingots referred to having differed more than Three thousandths from the legal standard, their receipt was clearly in violation of law, and must under no circumstances be repeated.

The general tenor of your letter induces me to add, that as far as my instructions may be referred to in your references to the urgent demands of the Treasury Department for Subsidiary silver Coinage, they were intended to have the coinage of the Mint brought up to its full capacity, which from one cause and another, it has been very difficult to do.

In so grave a matter as the passing of ingots in clear violation of law and against the written protest of the Assayer, I feel bound to say, that I consider the addressing a note by the Assayer direct to this Office, as fully warranted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Oct. 5th. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In acknowledging your letter of yesterday in reply to mine of the 30th. ult. in explanation of the disregarding of instructions from this Office of the 9th of June last, as to the mode of disposing of certain copper cents in the Redemption Fund, I have simply to say, that there was not "a full and legal compliance with my instructions", and I do not understand how you can claim that there was, after the pains you have taken to show in your letter the superiority of the course actually taken, and which is precisely contrary to that which I had directed.

Hereafter I shall expect you to strictly comply with the instructions of this Office, and if at any time, you shall believe them to be contrary to law, your remedy lies in an appeal to the Secretary the Treasury, and not in their clear violation under one special pretext or another.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Oct. 5th 1875.

Superintendent &c.
Philadᵃ

Sir:

I will thank you to send me by return mail, one proof Trade Dollar 1875, together with a bill for same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — Oct. 5th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadᵃ

Sir:

The appt of Mr. N. B. Boyd, as Acting Melter and Refiner of your Mint during the temporary absence of the Melter and Refiner, submitted in your communication of the 4th. inst, is hereby approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — Oct. 5th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadᵃ

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Register of the Treasury the list of employees enclosed in your letter of the 4th. inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — Oct. 5th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

I have received notice from Henry Troemner, that the large balance ordered for your Mint will be shipped on or about the 25th. inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers,

1004 Walnut St.

Philadelphia.

Oct. 5th 1875.

Sir:

Some few months ago, large purchases of Doré bullion (the product of the Comstock mines, Consolidated Virginia) were made, a part thereof being intended for refining at San Francisco, Carson, Philadelphia and New York.

The melting and assay of the bullion at San Francisco, Carson, and Philadelphia, showed a close correspondence to the value as stamped on the bars, while that of New York brought the value of the Gold more than $9000 below the stamp of the Consolidated Virginia Mining Co.

While no formal reclamation has been made by the seller of the bullion yet the difference being so much greater at the Assay Office, New York, than at the three mints referred to, I deemed it advisable to make special inquiry as to the cause or causes thereof, and accordingly dispatched Messrs. Davis and Eckfeldt of this Office to New York, to confer with the Officers of the Assay Office, and examine the question thoroughly.

I transmit herewith the report of these gentlemen, with the request that you examine so much of it as refers to the question under consideration.

I also transmit the report of the Melter and Refiner, and Assayer of the New York Assay Office.

I will thank you to carefully examine the papers, and give me your opinion as to the cause of the gold value of the bars as determined by Assay at New York falling so

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much below the Consolidated Virginia Assay.

You are authorized to confer with Mr. DuBois and also Mr. Booth if you think proper to do so.

In transmitting your report and returning the papers, you may send them by Express at the Expense of this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. Jos. Leidy
University of Pennsylvania
Philad^a

Oct. 5^t. 1875.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging your note of the 3^d. inst. I have to say, that the appointing power is with the Officers of the Philad^a Mint, to whom all applications should be made.

I fear however that there are no vacancies existing, or likely to exist, as the force employed is rather excessive, than otherwise.

I need not add it would afford me great pleasure to comply with your request, if within my power to do so.

Very truly yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Straw Wile & Co.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 5^t. 1875.

Gentlemen:

The proposal to furnish crucibles, covers, dipping cups, and stirrers, contained in your letter of the 30^t. ult. is not accepted

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Oct. 5th 1875.

Secretary of Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your approval, an agreement made and entered into on the 22 ult. between John Reynolds, of the City and county of San Francisco, State of California, and O. H. LaGrange, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, for supplying the Mint with acids required for the refining of gold and silver bullion.

When Prof. R. E. Rogers was, in May last with your approval, sent to San Francisco, to supervise the equipment of the Mint Refinery, he was instructed in connection with Supt. LaGrange to take such measures as would insure the requisite supply of parting acids. After duly investigating the subject, proposals for supplies of acids for two years were invited by Supt. LaGrange, with the concurrence of Prof. Rogers, that period of time being fixed on account of a combination which it was believed existed between the owners of the only two acid manufacturers then in operation in California, to compel the Government to pay high rates, and for the reason also that John Reynolds, who afterwards became the successful bidder represented that he was the owner of acid works not then in operation, and which he was unwilling to put in condition for manufacturing acids, unless he could receive the contract for two years.

When informed of the fact that a bid for supplying acid for two years, had been accepted, I telegraphed Supt. LaGrange to delay signing the contract until my arrival

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in San Francisco. I arrived in San Francisco the latter part of June, when the draft of an agreement was submitted to me, and which I had modified so as to make it obligatory upon the Government to the extent only of the quantity of acid which might actually be required, and not in excess of the appropriation available for that purpose.

I consider the terms of the contract as very favorable for the Government, and if in due form recommend its approval on satisfactory evidence of the responsibility of the sureties being furnished.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

W. E. DuBois, Esq. Oct. 5th. 1875.
Assayer &c. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I consider the delivering of Silver Ingots which are outside of the legal "Mint remedy" for coinage of so grave importance, as to furnish you with the enclosed copies of the Official action taken by myself on the subject.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — Oct. 5th. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have examined the papers referred to me in relation to the value of the Cuban Dollar, so called, and respectfully submit the following observations in relation to the same.

The coin referred to, is the Cornilla, or the Spanish Doubloon of 1785 and since, and is no longer coined in Spain.

The piece should weigh one sixteenth of two seventeenths of a Mark of Castile; in our terms, 26.12 grains troy; nearly. The fineness should be 21 carats, or 875 thousandths.

It appears from the letter of the Consul General of the U. S., dated Havana, August 18, 1875, that the Spanish Doubloon has a compulsory local value established by law, of seventeen dollars, and at which rate it is reckoned in all transactions in Cuba.

The value of the Cornilla, or gold dollar referred to, is, in the terms of the Cuban law, one seventeenth of the Doubloon, or in other words, seventeen Cuban Dollars are reckoned as one Doubloon.

The Spanish Doubloons are more or less reduced by abrasion in weight, and frequently fall below the fineness they should bear, and it is not probable that they can be safely rated at more than $15.75 in our money, and which would make the Dollar of Cuba of the value of 92½ cents.

The papers are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

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Orestes Cleveland, Esq. Oct. 5th 1875.

President Dixon Crucible Co.
Jersey City N. J.

Sir:

You will please ship to the U. S. Mint, Carson, Nev., by rail, at the lowest attainable through freight rates, at the prices stated in your letter of the 30th ult., the following, viz:

20	Crucibles	No 70
140	"	" 100
40	"	" 90
300	"	" 45
50	Covers	No. 80
150	"	" 45
100	"	" 100

300 Dipping Cups "largest size."
50 Stirrers.

You will transmit your account and Bills Lading, in duplicate, to this Office for settlement.

I transmit herewith copy of a telegram from Supt. of the Carson Mint, requesting that the old numbers of the Dixon Crucible be purchased, as they were having trouble with the new.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. D. Atwood, Esq. Oct. 5th 1875.

Secy Jersey City Crucible Mfg Co.
Taunton, Mass.

Sir:

The proposal to furnish Crucibles, Covers, Dipping Cups and Stirrers, contained in your letter of 1st inst. is not accepted.

Very respectfully

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O. H. Leafgrange, Esq.

Oct. 6th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U.S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th ult. submitting an estimate of the number of crucibles, covers and dippers, and the amount of corrosive sublimate which will be required at your Mint during the current fiscal year, is received.

The San Francisco Mint is the only Mint in the United States using corrosive sublimate.

In view of the large quantity consumed, and it being an expensive substance, you will please furnish this Office with a detailed account of the manner in which it is used, and the specific reasons therefor, in preference to the methods of melting and refining practiced in the other Mints.

The order for the shipment of the crucibles, covers and Dipping Cups, will be given immediately.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A report from the M. & R. showing the necessity which exists for, or the advantages arising from the use of corrosive sublimate in refining, will probably be the best course to pursue to give us full information upon the subject.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Oct. 6th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, duplicate bill of Henry Troemner for one set standard coin and one set standard grain weights, shipped you by Express on the 3d. inst, - the original of which has been approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement, - payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the San Francisco Mint.

I also enclose certified copy of the certificate of the adjuster of weights at the Philad^a Mint, countersigned by the Act'g Supt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Gen. O. H. LaGrange

Oct. 6th. 1875.

Superintendent &c.
San Francisco

Sir:

The enclosed copy of a letter from this Office under date of the 29th. ult. to the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia in respect to the mode of taking assay pieces of subsidiary silver coin, is sent for your information, and in confirmation of verbal instructions to the same effect given by me when at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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G. W. Scalgrange, Esq. Oct. 6th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I return herewith original certificate of deposit for $50., transmitted by you to this Office under date of the 23d. ult., and enclose for your information, a copy of letter received at this Office from the Secretary of the Treasury relative to the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq. Oct. 6th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

According to our calculations, there remains in your Bullion Fund on account of purchases made for the Subsidiary Coinage, about 696.000. ounces of fine silver.

In order that you may direct your operations accordingly, I have to inform you, that we shall want a transfer made to the Philadelphia Mint, of say about 300.000. ounces, early in November.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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James Crawford, Esq. Oct. 6th. 1875.
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Carson. Nev.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 28th. ult., I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500.000.) in subsidiary silver coin, to be transferred from the bullion fund of your mint to the Treasurer of the U.S.- the charges for transportation to be paid by you from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. Oct. 6th. 1875.
Supt. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

The enclosed copy of a letter from this Office under date of the 29th. ult. to the Supt. of the Mint at Philadª in respect to the mode of taking assay pieces of subsidiary silver coin, is sent for your information and in confirmation of verbal instructions to the same effect given by me when at your mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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E. Barrington, Esq. Oct. 6th. 1875.

915 So. 13th. St.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday in relation to the Latin work on coins and medals.

I have examined the work, and am of the opinion that it would be of no use to this office.

It has been returned by Express today.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Pope Cole & Co. Oct. 6th. 1875.

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 4th. inst., I learn after inquiry that a draft for $5.930. was mailed you yesterday, and that the delay was caused by the accounts being mislaid after leaving this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Henry Troemner, Esq. Oct. 6th. 1875.

710 Market St. Philadp.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th. inst. enclosing your bill for one set Standard coin, and one set standard Grain Weights, shipped the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers, for settlement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Orestes Cleveland, Esq.

Oct. 6th 1875.

Presidt Dixon Crucible, Co.
Jersey City. N. J.

Sir:

You will please ship to the U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal., the following Crucibles, covers, and Dipping cups, provided you are willing to furnish the same at the prices stated in your letter of the 30th ult., otherwise you will please advise this Office, viz:

75	Crucibles	No. 10	Pots
75	"	" 12	
300	"	" 45	
100	"	" 50	
200	"	" 60	
20	Covers	No. 10	
30	"	" 12	
75	"	" 45	
75	"	" 50	
75	"	" 60	

and 200 black lead dippers, large size, all of which it is expected will be of the best quality.

You will please ship by rail at through freight rates, and transmit your account in duplicate, with Bill Lading, to this Office for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — Oct. 6th. 1875.

Secretary Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500.000.) in Subsidiary Silver coin, to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson, to the Treasurer of the U. S. — the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by Supt. of the Mint from Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Supt. Mint, — Oct. 7th. 1875.

Philadelphia.

Do as you think best, being governed by the general spirit of the regulations.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — Oct. 7th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

"Do as you think best, being governed by the general spirit of the regulations."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Telegram. Pope, Cole & Co. Oct. 7th. 1875.

57 South Gay Street
Baltimore.

At what rate will you furnish ten tons best Ingot Copper, Answer.

H. R. Linderman,
Director Mint.

Wm. Sherman, Esq. Oct. 7th. 1875.

Assist. Treas'r U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th. ult. received, and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the recommendation that the beam scale, now in your office, be transferred to the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Maher, Oct. 7th. 1875.

1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion Acc'ts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev., for the quarter ending March 31st. 1875.

The Supt. has been requested to furnish a Warrant for the item of $8.141.44, profits on Silver Coinage, with which "Silver Coinage" is debited and "Silver Profit Fund" credited.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Oct. 7th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the present month, and also the requisition made at your request for $15.000.-, for the erection of Annealing Furnaces, have been held in the Office of the First Comptroller, for the reason that the balance in your hands on the 1st. inst. ($30.708.10), and the amounts requested to be advanced ($45.700.-), were in excess of the amount of your Official Bond. The Comptroller has however at my request approved your Requisitions, and a Draft for the amounts will probably be mailed you this week.

I have to request that you will deposit the unexpended balance in your hands of the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1875, and render your supplemental account.

This will assist in reducing your balance on hand, thereby enabling you to obtain funds for current expenses, and at the same time enable the accounting Officers to close your Ordinary A/cs for the past year.

In case any bills incurred during that period are presented they can be forwarded to this Office for payment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — Oct. 7th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

So much of your letter of the 8th ult., enclosing the Annual Estimates, as relates to the condition of the columns of the front portico of the Mint, has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for his information and consideration.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — Oct. 7th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., asking instructions as to the disposition of the proceeds arising from grain &c., from Deposit melting, you are hereby instructed to deposit the amount to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — Oct. 7th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose Two Dollars and fifty cents in payment for two proof Trade Dollars, forwarded by you on the 5th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow — Oct. 7th 1875.

Secretary Tr. Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith Estimates of Appropriations required for the support of this Office, and the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1877.

The only increases asked for are at San Francisco and Carson, and for conducting an Assay Office at Helena, Montana.

At San Francisco, the increase is due to the fact that an extensive refinery has been equipped in the new Mint, and refining operations resumed at that point by the United States.

The law requires that a charge for the parting of bullion equal to the average expense of the operation shall be deducted from the depositors bullion, and the proceeds arising therefrom covered, at least twice a year, into the Treasury of the U. S. - and from which it will appear, that while the Treasury will be fully reimbursed for the expenses incurred in the parting operation, the amount realized from the charge cannot be used for defraying the expenses of the Mint.

It is estimated that the Mint at San Francisco will be called upon during the next fiscal year to part about 1.000.000. ounces of gold deposits, gross value, say $16.000.000., and not less than 8.000.000. ounces of silver bullion containing gold. The charges at the present rates would bring to the Treasury about $240.000., and which amounts to within $44.200. of the increase estimated for. The balance ($44.200.) will be required on account of the largely increased coinage of both gold and silver.

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At the Mint in Carson, the increase is rendered necessary, by the increased operations in both refining and coining at that Institution.

It is expected that the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, will be completed and ready to receive deposits by the close of the present fiscal year. An appropriation of an amount sufficient to conduct the melting and assaying of bullion thereat, during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1877, will be necessary, and the sum of $21,500. has been embraced in the Estimates for that purpose.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City.

Oct. 7th. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for examination and settlement your Bullion Accounts for the First Quarter, 1875.

You omitted to furnish warrant authorizing "Silver Coinage to be debited and Silver Profit Fund credited with $8.141.$\frac{41}{}$ profits on Silver Coinage for the quarter". You will please forward the same at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — Oct. 7th. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I respectfully submit for your information and consideration, the following extract from a letter of the Supt. of the Mint at Philada. of the 5th ult., in relation to the condition of the columns of the front portico of the Mint building, and the necessity for an appropriation to enable the defect complained of, to be remedied.

+ + + "New marble columns to the front portico of the Mint are absolutely necessary.

The present ones have become very much dilapidated and unsightly, and the capitals are in a dangerous condition; large portions of them having fallen from time to time, fortunately when no person was underneath. There is constant danger of serious, if not fatal casualties from this cause. This danger should be arrested at the earliest moment.

It is believed that $15.000. will be sufficient for this purpose." + + + +

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. — Oct. 7th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense Ac for September, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Oct. 7th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th. ult. enclosing detailed statement of Doré silver purchased from Charles H. Fish, under authority of August 23d. 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

Oct. 7th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th. ult. enclosing statement of deliveries on purchase of 500.000. ounces of fine silver from L. A. Garnett, under date of June 7th. 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers,
1004 Walnut St. Philad.a

Oct. 7th. 1875.

Sir:

When submitting your report on the equipment of the Refinery at the San Francisco Mint, I will thank you to embrace in the same, the history of the manner in which the requisite supply of acids was secured.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Edward Young, Esq. Oct. 7th. 1875.

Chief of Bureau of Statistics.

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to furnish this Office with a statement showing the amounts of Gold and Silver Bullion and coin, respectively, imported and exported during each month of the fiscal year ended June 30th 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock Oct. 8th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia

Sir:

During my absence last summer in California, a question arose as to the working hours to be observed by the Assistants in the Assayers' Offices, and I decided that the usage which had obtained in former years might be observed.

I have now to state that the same usage may be continued, until otherwise ordered.

Assistants to the Engraver whose work is of a character to make a strain upon the eyes, need not be required to perform duty after 3 o'clock P. M., or in other words, the regular working hours of the Engraver's Assistants will be from 9. A. M. to 3. P. M.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — Oct. 8th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S. Philadª

Sir;

You will please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Supt. Pd. Mint, San Francisco, as early as possible, the following coinage dies for the year 1876, viz:

	Gold.	
Double Eagle	Obverse	24
" "	Reverse	24
Eagle	Obverse	4
"	Reverse	4
Half Eagle	Obverse	4
" "	Reverse	4
Quarter Eagle	Obverse	4
" "	Reverse	4
Dollar.	Obverse	2
	Silver	
Trade Dollar	Obverse	36
" "	Reverse	36
Half Dollar	Obverse	24
" "	Reverse	24
Quarter Dollar	Obverse	12
" "	Reverse	12
Twenty Cents	Obverse	18
" "	Reverse	18
Dime	Obverse	24
"	Reverse	24

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman – Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — Oct. 8th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S. Philadelphia

Sir: I enclose one dollar and twenty-five cents, in payment for a proof trade dollar, recd in your letter of the 6th inst.

H. R. Linderman – Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Oct. 8th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to state, that while I should prefer for transfer to Philadª Silver resulting from the parting of Doré as being less likely to contain base metals than bullion refined by fluxes, it is not indispensable, and if necessary, any fine bullion may be sent.

My meaning will be made more clear when I state that it is expected the amount recently transferred, will be a sufficient supply at Philadª for the present month, and it was not contemplated that you would be able to send any more silver until the next month; in other words, exclusive of the transfer already requested, we shall want in all, up to say Nov. 10th, about 300.000. ounces of fine silver.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Oct. 8th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have yours of yesterday in relation to the receipt of cable telegrams of the rates of silver in London.

For the present I deem it advisable to continue the receipt of the quotations.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq. Oct. 8th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 30th ult., enclosing Coiner's requisition for dies for the year 1876. The requisition has been forwarded to the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia.

In this connection I desire to call your attention to the use of the word "Double Dime" for the "Twenty Cent piece". The latter term is the only one named in the law, and should be used in all Mint Statements and correspondence.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow Oct. 8th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to request that under the head of Estimates for the Assay Office at Helena, Montana, an item may be added for "Machinery and apparatus, and the fitting up of the same, $15,000."

As it is expected that the building will be completed and ready for the machinery during the present fiscal year, the above item of appropriation should be made available immediately upon the passage of the Act in which it is contained.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Messrs. Pope Cole & Co.

Oct. 8th. 1875.

Baltimore Md.

Gentlemen:

You will please ship at through freight rates by rail, to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, ten (10) tons best Ingot Copper, at the price (23/10) stated in your letter of the 7th. inst, and forward your account in duplicate accompanied by Bill Lading to this Office for settlement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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